



Town of Carrboro

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Town Hall

Carrboro, NC 27510

Meeting Minutes

Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Barbara Foushee, Alderman Sammy Slade, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Bethany Chaney

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager, Catherine Dorando, Town Clerk, Cora Houston, Deputy Clerk, Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Susan Spalt read a poem entitled "The Low Road" by Marge Piercy and dedicated the reading to students protesting for stronger gun control laws.

REQUESTS FROM VISITORS AND SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Horace Lambert spoke to the Board about a request to build a home on town-owned land for an affordable housing project for him and his partner. He stated that they are currently members of the Section 8 Homebuyers program. Alderman Chaney suggested that staff and the Affordable Housing Commission work to come up with options. Alderman Foushee and Alderman Haven-O'Donnell expressed support. Alderman Slade wanted to know the time frame for this housing need and expressed support of Alderman Chaney's suggestion. Alderman Gist requested update in one month. The Town Manager stated that they can realistically have an update in one month but would need more time to fully review this project since it is a different model than the town currently uses.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer the matter to staff.

Meredith Stern and Tracey Oliveto stated that their neighborhood is where the NCDMV Driver's Test is conducted and stated that they do not have sidewalks. She asked if the town could request that the test be conducted in a neighborhood with sidewalks. Alderman Seils asked that staff reach out to DOT regarding this request. Mayor Lavelle stated that staff would follow-up.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS THAT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018 BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN WATCH FOR ME NC FOR 2018

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board to consider adopting a resolution in support of continued participation in this year's Watch for Me NC program conducted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and UNC's Highway Safety Research Center.

Zachary Hallock was introduced as the Town's new Transportation Planner.

A motion was made by Alderman Chaney, seconded by Alderman Seils, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN WATCH FOR ME NC FOR 2018

WHEREAS, *Carrboro Vision 2020* states that the "safe and adequate flow of bus, auto, bicycle and pedestrian traffic within and around Carrboro is essential" (Policy 4.0); and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan recommends, among other educational and enforcement activities, developing bicycle safety educational materials, enforcing unsafe behavior, producing education messages in distributions and media, and developing training sessions for local law enforcement (Ch. 4); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro acknowledges the need to better educate pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers on how to share the road safely; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and UNC's Highway Safety Research Center are continuing to lead a statewide pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign, known as Watch for Me NC; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Highway Safety Research Center are seeking commitments from North Carolina communities for continued involvement in the Watch for Me NC 2018 campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has participated in the Watch for Me NC campaign every year since 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Watch for Me NC campaign would provide safety education for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers through various strategies; and provide training to local law enforcement officers to support educational outreach activities and provide information for campaign evaluation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board of Aldermen pledges, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to participate in the 2018 Watch for Me NC campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department, Police Department, and other departments if directed by the Town Manager, are directed to coordinate with staff from other municipalities and stakeholders involved in the Watch for Me NC campaign as necessary to ensure successful participation.

This the 20th day of March, 2018

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Foushee, Alderman Slade, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Mayor Lavelle, Alderman Seils, Alderman Gist, Alderman Chaney

UPDATE FROM OWASA STAFF ON THE AGUA VISTA ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive an update from OWASA staff on their Agua Vista Advanced Metering Infrastructure initiative.

Todd Taylor, OWASA's Operations Manager, spoke about the new water metering initiatives scheduled to be completed in 2019.

Marty Adams, a resident of Carrboro, asked about how to cut the master water switch off after the new meters are installed (she mentioned that she does this when she will be out of town). Mr. Taylor explained that access to the meter is technically reserved for OWASA employees. Mayor Lavelle asked if there is a State Building Code requirement that mandates a master shutoff switch between the meter and the home and also if there is a requirement for one inside the home. Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Director, stated that she will report back.

UPDATE OF COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The purpose of this item was to update the board on the progress of the communication plan.

Rachel Heggen, Communications Manager, gave an update as to the progress she has made with keeping citizens informed. Efforts include updates to the website, increasing social media presence, and strengthen relationships with emergency personnel. She expressed that the biggest challenge is with communicating with those who are not connected.

Alderman Gist suggested that there may be an accessibility issues.

David Andrews, Town Manager, stated that on or about April 1st, the plan is to get the first newsletter

out to the community.

Alderman Chaney raised a comparison about how Chapel Hill is advertised on the transit system. Mayor Lavelle pointed to the Town of Hillsborough for their use of social media. Alderman Slade requested a prominent place to make the Aldermen's agenda available.

Rachel Heggen stated that she will be working to get a better camera and equipment for video capabilities.

UPDATE ON POLICING EQUITY

This item was postponed to a later date.

EXCUSAL OF ALDERMAN SLADE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO EXCUSE ALDERMAN SLADE FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CLOSED SESSION - PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5)(6)

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A) (5)(6) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LAND ACQUISITION AND A PERSONNEL MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, EXCUSED ONE (SLADE)

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS , SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, EXCUSED ONE (SLADE)

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, EXCUSED ONE (SLADE)