



Town of Carrboro

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Meeting Minutes Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

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

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager; Catherine Dorando, Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Gary Phillips, the Town's poet laureate, read a poem entitled, "In Jerusalem" by an Israeli poet in Shadab Zeest Hashmi's collection of poems.

PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the Town of Carrboro. She presented the proclamation to Cordelia Heaney, the director of the Compass Center.

RESOLUTION - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

The Town of Carrboro Board of Aldermen annually recognize the second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Carrboro. The Board strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

The resolution declaring the day as such was adopted unanimously by the Board of Aldermen in 2015 and will continue to be recognized each year.

Alderman Chaney suggested that the Board set aside time to discuss how to actively observe Indigenous Peoples' Day next year. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell requested that Cathy Dorando contact the staff of

Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation to see if there is a Carrboro contact to see if they have any recommendations on how to observe the day. Alderman Gist suggested getting in touch with the Native American Center at UNC.

Motion was made by Alderman Seils, seconded by Alderman Foushee, that this resolution be approved.

RESOLUTION DECLARING “INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY”

WHEREAS, the holiday known as Columbus Day commemorates the Italian Explorer Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the “New World”; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the fact that Orange County, North Carolina is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes and values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, the Town promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2002 the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation located in Orange and Alamance counties became North Carolina's eighth official Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2009 the Town of Carrboro was declared a Human Rights City adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (as the second city in the nation to do so), committing itself to protect, respect and fulfill the full range of inherent human rights for all as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Town of Carrboro.

Section 2. The Town of Carrboro strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region.

Section 3. The Town of Carrboro strongly encourages Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County Public Schools to include the teaching of Indigenous Peoples' history.

Section 4. The Town of Carrboro firmly commits to work with Indigenous communities to promote the well-being and sustenance of Carrboro's Indigenous community.

Section 5. The Town of Carrboro encourages all elected boards in Orange County as well as the Alamance County Board of Commissioners to pass similar resolutions before October of 2019, and asks that the Town Clerk forward this resolution to the clerks of each board.

This 2nd day of October 2018.

The motion is carried by the following vote:

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

REQUESTS FROM VISITORS AND SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Charlie Hileman, a resident of 507 Hillsborough Road, stated that the Town Code for bicycle parking is weak and asked for the Board to review and modernize it. He stated that the Durham City Code is a good example to look at for guidance.

Alderman Slade asked for the Transportation Advisory Board to review the recommendation during their review of the Lloyd Farm application. Alderman Seils stated that he will mention it to the Chair and the staff liaison.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, speaking in regards to the Lloyd Farm application, asked if staff can review the bike parking and suggested that it be located in areas on the greenways path or trail.

Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Director, provided clarity on the Conditional Rezoning application process for Lloyd Farm and stated that there will be time in the future to review the information discussed if the rezoning is approved and a conditional use permit application is submitted for the Lloyd Farm project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SEILS TO HAVE THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW THE BIKE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR LLOYD FARM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE PROCESS WHEN THAT INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE BY THE DEVELOPER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE REASSIGNMENT OF A CARRBORO SEAT ON THE ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES HEARING POOL

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to approve the reassignment of Michelle Walker to the Carrboro seat on the Orange County Animal Services Hearing Pool.

Motion was made by Alderman Gist, seconded by Alderman Chaney, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE REASSIGNMENT OF SEATS ON THE ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES HEARING POOL

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby approve the reassignment of Michelle Walker, a Carrboro resident, to the Town of Carrboro representative position on the Animal Services Hearing Panel Pool.

This 2nd day of October 2018.

The motion is carried by the following vote:

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

MONTHLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

The purpose of this item was to provide a monthly update to the Board of Aldermen on current economic development activities within Carrboro.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY TO ACCEPT THE REPORT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

UNC PRESENTATION ON STUDENT HOUSING

The purpose of this item was for UNC to share information with the Board on student housing.

Dr. Aaron Bachenheimer, Executive Director of Off-Campus Student Life and Community Partnerships, and Allan Blattner, Director of Housing and Residential Education, from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill presented on the current status of student housing and a look to the future.

Alderman Foushee asked for information on the party registration partnership with the University.

Alderman Gist expressed much concern with the rising cost of per-bedroom rentals and how it affects affordable housing in Carrboro.

Alderman Chaney asked about how they identify and work with landlords. Dr. Bachenheimer stated that he is a relationship builder and works with students and landlords to address issues.

Alderman Seils stated that he would be interested in a future conversation about where students are living and what those migration patterns look like in regards to the percentage of students that live in Carrboro.

Alderman Slade stated that he would be interested in hearing about the University's plan on increasing student housing on campus. And that he suspects the \$1400 per room average for two people sharing is a major factor that makes it more attractive to live off campus.

Dr. Aaron Bachenheimer responded that there are no plans to increase the percentage of on campus housing. He stated that by comparison it is more expensive to build on campus then off campus, because of types of construction that they have to build, state code, construction standards, and general higher scrutiny involved in their renovation processes.

Alderman Slade responded that it is interesting to hear about the regulatory hurdles they have and difficulty of building new housing stock on campus, he was thinking that just by the sheer economy of scale there would be some kind of savings, he can't help but continue to be struck by the 1,400 shared bedroom cost.

Dr. Aaron Bachenheimer responded that it is really just their needing to keep up with their deferred maintenance load, because they haven't always been able to invest in upkeep they are trying to catch up to improvements such as new sprinkler systems, elevators, etc., things that are very expensive.

Alderman Slade stated that it sounds like once they catch up, on campus housing may become much cheaper.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS OF ARTS IN ORANGE COUNTY, NC

The purpose of this item was to report to the Board the findings of the Arts and Economics Prosperity IV study conducted by Americans for the Arts.

Katie Murray, Orange County Executive Director for the Orange County Arts Commission, presented the findings from the Arts and Economics Prosperity IV. According to the study, the nonprofit arts and culture industry generates \$85.4 million in annual economic activity in Orange County, NC -supporting 3,352 full-time equivalent jobs and generating \$8.0 million in local and state government revenues.

Alderman Chaney stated that she would like to know the sales tax impact on ticket sales and how much revenue has been generated with the additional tax income from ticket sales from the 2016 sales tax base expansion legislation.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that the Town's property on Old 86 could be examined for arts and makers space. Katie Murraray stated that they have that property on their short list for consideration for art space.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like to hear back from the Arts Commission if they have any recommended policies that towns could pursue to make living for artists more affordable and attractive in Carrboro.

SHORT AND LONG TERM PARKING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE 203 PROJECT

The purpose of this item was to layout the short term and long term parking management strategies that staff has designed to accommodate parking during the construction of The 203 Project.

Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Director, and Annette Stone, the Town's Economic and Development Director, provided the staff reports.

Iain Banks, with parking consultants Nelson-Nygaard, provided a report on the parking study.

Alderman Gist stated that there are concerns regarding parking on the residential streets and that a "residents only" parking could be discussed for during construction.

Alderman Seils asked that the Town make sure to examine the comprehensive safety of any of the shared parking agreements and spaces.

Alderman Chaney asked to what degree the plan is evolving. Annette Stone explained that budgets, exact parking lots to be included, and agreements are all still being worked on but that the plan is imminent with the 203 Project moving forward. Alderman Chaney also suggested that the Town develop a parking app.

Alderman Slade asked Annette if the Fireplace property has been contacted about parking. Annette stated that they are in the process of selling and that perhaps closer to the time of need they may be open. Alderman Slade asked if the town of Chapel Hill has been asked if they can assist with enforcement. Annette stated that Chief Horton had reached out to them, they expressed they cannot. Alderman Slade expressed that the model presented for short term parking by Annette of not having employees taking up valuable downtown parking that visitors need is in line with the parking study recommendations. He expressed that by the town moving its employees and opening up its parking the town is modeling for downtown businesses what they can also do to respond to this issue and that he hopes they will take on the collaborative opportunity represented by this too. He also expressed that while this is for short-term parking he feels this model should be extended for the time after the construction is done as the parking study recommends.

Katie Loovis, representing the Carrboro Business Alliance, stated that she is concerned with the numbers that were shared in the Nelson-Nygaard presentation and study. She stated that the parking that is taken away during proposed construction of the 203 Project need to be replaced in a nearby location downtown. She suggested having a convening of private parking owners and a broader array of stakeholders to try to collaborate for parking. She stated that the parking study is out of date and included parking that is more than an average walkable area to businesses. She stated that downtown business owners are very concerned with the proposed parking strategies.

Jim Rumfelt, a co-owner of 201 and 203 East Carr Street, stated that they are discussing with the Town possible parking solutions on those lots. The Board suggested that these conversations be continued with the Town Manager.

Alderman Chaney stated that she appreciates the CBA's concerns. She stated that she wants to make sure that if there is another conversation regarding possible solutions, that all possible partners are in the room and part of the conversation. She suggested that any meeting should be framed in context with what already has been done by Town staff.

Mayor Lavelle urged that the wayfinding project be completed as soon as possible. She noted that the parking deck has spaces available during the day.

Alderman Seils stated that the parking study provides a comprehensive long-term plan. He stated that he would like to have business owners in the room to hear from them regarding parking.

Alderman Slade stated that the parking is mostly privately owned and stated that there is a great need for the private owners to share their parking spaces.

Alderman Gist stated that she agrees that there is an issue with the contradiction on what is observed with available parking and what the study says. She stated that she agrees with the business community on their view that the parking study is flawed. She asked that wayfinding signage be available by the time the 203 South Greensboro lot becomes unavailable.

UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - SEPTEMBER 2018

The purpose of this agenda item was to present to the Board of Aldermen an update on the numerous different transportation projects which have been moving forward over the past several months.

Zach Hallock, the Town's Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

Alderman Gist asked if the impacts of Hurricane Florence and the tariffs that are being discussed federally will impact the costs of projects. She asked that the Town consider these and the possible additional costs. She expressed concern with public input regarding the East Main Street study.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she agrees with Alderman Gist on the East Main Street study and that it needs more community input. She stated that the community needs to be brought in to discuss the Pathway Drive concepts.

Alderman Slade asked that the TAB discuss the bicycle patterns on Poplar Drive.

Alderman Gist and Alderman Haven-O'Donnell suggested a bike calming device in areas where bike stops are necessary along the Libba Cotton Bikeway.

Alderman Chaney asked that the Jones Ferry sidewalk, Barnes Street sidewalk, and the South Greensboro Street sidewalks be given higher priority. She questioned whether there is a need to hire a consultant or additional employees to shrink the time to get the projects completed.

Alderman Foushee asked about strategies for better Safe Routes to School success. Zach Hallock stated that the Town is trying to figure out better contacts for the schools so that attendance will be better.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked about the steering committee for the bike plan update. Zach Hallock stated that it will include representatives from various advisory boards and have at-large members. Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked if the Town can initiate a car sharing program and include this in the bike plan.

Alderman Slade stated that he wants the town to be ready for scooter share companies. He also asked that the parking study be updated.

Mayor Lavelle asked if there was any update about the maintenance of the connection on Strowd Lane.

Motion was made by Alderman Seils, seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, that this resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has received presentations on important long range regional transportation plans, such as the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Orange County Transit Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has a number of local transportation projects that are in process; and

WHEREAS, Town staff have requested Board input and approvals at key milestones; and

WHEREAS, staff have provided the Board with updates on particularly projects at regular intervals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board receives this comprehensive update on a number of transportation projects that have been ongoing for the last several months.

This 2nd day of October 2018.

The motion is carried by the following vote:

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

HUMAN SERVICES APPLICATION FUNDING PROCESS

The purpose of the agenda item was to gather feedback/direction from the Board on possible changes to Human Services application funding process. This item was continued to next meeting with no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY, TO

ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL