



301 W. Main St.
Town Hall
Carrboro, NC 27510

Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council

April 6, 2021

7:00 PM

Remote Meeting

This meeting was held via Zoom teleconference and broadcasted live on cable television and the internet.

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed April as “Poetry Month” in the Town of Carrboro.

POETRY READING

Jay Bryan, guest poet, read a poem of his own called “Standing in the Shallows.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Lerner spoke to the Council about issues he is having with accessing his driveway due to the construction management issues at the Sanderway Development.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 2, AND MARCH 9, 2021 MEETINGS

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 2, AND MARCH 9, 2021. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

EPA 319 PROGRAM GRANT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND STABILIZING EROSION IN RESIDENTIAL AREA NEAR BOLIN CREEK

The purpose of this item was to inform the Town Council of the intent to submit a 319 grant application to support a collaborative effort to stabilize erosion occurring in an 11 acre drainage area in the Bolin Forest neighborhood.

A motion was made by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Slade, to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 319 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

WHEREAS, the Town began pursuing watershed restoration work in the Bolin Creek Watershed in 2006 in recognition of Bolin Creek being identified as an impaired waterbody by the NCDEQ;

WHEREAS, the Town received a grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund in 2007 to identify and pursue restoration opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, the Town worked with the Town of Chapel Hill and other members of the Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration Team on a grant received in 2008 under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, and received a separate 319 grant to pursue watershed restoration projects in 2009; and

WHEREAS, a Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration Plan was completed in 2012 which is the basis for the Town to continue to be eligible for 319 grant funding; and

WHEREAS, watershed restoration opportunities have recently been identified by Carrboro residents, in collaboration with a group of local partners, as identified in the staff memo.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council authorize staff to submit a 319 application to pursue this recently identified watershed restoration opportunity.

This 6th day of April 2021

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council

Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

**AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
RELATED TO THE CURRENT AND FUTURE USE OF THE JOINTLY OWNED GREENE
TRACT**

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Town Council to consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign an interlocal agreement between Carrboro, Orange County, and the Town of Chapel Hill regarding the current and future use of the jointly owned Greene Tract.

The Town Council discussed the language in the agreement and requested that the language in the “mediation” section be written as “The agreement will be binding contingent upon the approval of each governing body.”

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE CURRENT AND FUTURE USE OF THE JOINTLY OWNED GREENE TRACT WITH THE CHANGE IN THE LANGUAGE IN THE MEDIATION SECTION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, NO ONE (SLADE)

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AN APPLICATION
RELATED TO POTENTIAL CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON TOWN-OWNED
LAND**

The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign an application related to the potential new affordable housing on the town-owned parcel located at 106 Hill Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Foushee, seconded by Council Member Gist, to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A VARIANCE APPLICATION RELATED TO POTENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 106 HILL STREET

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council supports the creation of affordable housing within the town’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Town Council supported the creation of affordable housing on town owned land on June 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a local nonprofit, Pee Wee Homes, is interested in developing affordable housing on a town owned parcel at 106 Hill Street if a variance is granted by the Board of Adjustment allowing for a building envelope of sufficient size to construct.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Town Manager is authorized to sign a variance application allowing Pee Wee Homes to apply for a variance related to the potential creation of affordable housing at 106 Hill Street.

This 6th day of April 2021

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

The purpose of this agenda item was for Town Council to make appointments to the Planning Board.

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Section 1. THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPOINTS THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT(S) TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Appointee	Term Expiration
Khadijah Amina	2/2024
James Baker	2/2025
Braxton Foushee	2/2024

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This 6th day of April 2021

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade

PUBLIC HEARING – THE 203 SOUTH GREENSBORO PROJECT – APPROVAL OF PRINCIPAL BUILDING DESIGN FEATURE

The purpose of this item was to provide the Town Council an opportunity to receive an update on the design process and to approve the principal building design features identified to date.

Trish McGuire provided the staff report.

Derek Jones, with Perkins and Will, provided the detailed report.

Mayor Lavelle opened the public hearing.

Chris Milner spoke against this project but stated that if it is going to go forward, that they consider the footprint and the size of the building to minimize the environmental impact as much as necessary.

Nerys Levy spoke in favor of the project and about the art spaces in the building and asked for an update regarding that component.

Marla Benton expressed concern regarding the project and the design.

Blake Bernholz expressed disappointment over the project and the location.

Mayor Lavelle closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PERMANENT CLOSING OF A PORTION OF THE MAPLE AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY

The purpose of this agenda item is to receive public comment on a proposal to permanently close a portion of the Maple Avenue right-of-way.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER FOUSHEE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF THE MAPLE AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, NO ONE (SLADE)

DOWNTOWN SLOW ZONE DISCUSSION

The purpose of this agenda item was to provide the Town Council with information about the status of various transportation projects around Town.

Zach Hallock provided the staff report.

Town Council received the report and took no official action.

INFORMATION ON TEXT AMENDMENTS REQUIRED AS PART OF G.S. CHAPTER 160D, PART 3

The purpose of this item was to provide the Town Council with the third installment of draft text amendments to the Land Use Ordinance required by the adoption of the G.S. Chapter 160D.

There was no presentation or official action on this item.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Slade stated that he wants the Council to have a discussion on the advisory board policy regarding the BIPOC representation and the lack of ethnic representation and questions.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SLADE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, TO ADD ETHNICITY TO THE ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SEILS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROMAINE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL