



1      **Tuesday, May 10, 2022**                      **7:00 PM**                      **Council Chambers Room 110**

2     **This meeting was broadcasted live on cable television and the internet.**

3 **Present:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara  
4 Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Sammy Slade

5 **Also Present:** Richard White, Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Brady  
6 Herman, Town Attorney

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8 **POETRY READING**

9 Fred Joiner, Poet Laureate of the Town of Carrboro, read a poem of his own titled, "Currency."

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12 **PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

14 The Mayor read a proclamation for Public Works Week which is held May 15 through May 22, 2022.  
15 Carrboro Interim Public Works Director Daniel Snipes accepted the proclamation.

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18     **PROCLAMATION - POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

20 Mayor Seils read a proclamation for Police Week which is held May 15 through May 22,  
21 2022. He presented the proclamation to Carrboro Police Chief Chris Attack.

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## 24 PUBLIC COMMENT

25 **Soteria Shepperson**, Carrboro resident and business owner, spoke about recent meetings  
26 with Town staff and the recent incident that occurred at Present Day on Main.

27 **Monica Molina**, small business manager in Carrboro, would like to understand  
28 more about policing powers and the appropriate time to call police for issues  
29 related to an incident at her business.

30 **Sophie Suberman**, Carrboro resident and business owner, spoke on a rezoning  
31 request to enable more safety measures at Present Day on Main.

32 **Rev. Gina Barrow**, Pastor at Carrboro UMC, stated they are happy to be here in town.  
33 She spoke on the Present Day on Main being closed and said if owners don't feel safe  
34 then we must make them feel safe. She encouraged the Town to figure out what can be  
35 done to help this business.

36 **Greg Janson**, Carrboro resident, read a resolution against super PACs and for campaign finance  
37 reform.

38 **Hannah Blackburn**, Carrboro resident and teacher, stated that she is in support  
39 of the resolution against super PACs and supports campaign finance reform. She  
40 said that the involvement of big money in elections is inequitable. She is in  
41 support of grassroot efforts in politics.

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43 **CARRBORO POET LAUREATE AND CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL MUSICIANS**  
44 **HONORARIA**

45 The purpose of this agenda item was to request that the Town Council increase the honorarium  
46 for the Carrboro Poet Laureate and to adopt an honorarium for musicians performing at the  
47 Carrboro Music Festival.

48 Carrboro Musician, Jonathan Byrd, spoke on the need for paying musicians and the importance of  
49 art in the community.

50 **A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Nowell to**  
51 **approve the following resolution, with amendments.**

52 **RESOLUTION ADOPTING HONORARIA FOR THE CARRBORO POET LAUREATE AND**  
53 **MUSICIANS PERFORMING IN THE CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL**

54 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Carrboro has long prided itself on being a community that supports the  
55 arts and artists; and

56 **WHEREAS**, online publication, 24/7 Tempo recently named Carrboro one of the country's Top  
57 5 Small Arts Towns; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Poet Laureate program was one of the first of its kind in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Poet Laureate enhances the quality of life for our citizens through the promotion of poetry; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Arts Committee and the Carrboro Poets Council support an increase in the honorarium for the current Poet Laureate, Fred Joiner, and the beginning of the recruitment process for the Town's next Poet Laureate in the coming months; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Music Festival is the largest of the Town's community events and one of the largest celebrations of local music in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Music Festival has seen thousands of performers and community members generously volunteer their time in celebration of local music; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Music Festival Planning Committee recommends the establishment of an honorarium to provide paid compensation to musicians performing in the festival;

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Music Festival Planning Committee recommends that performers be compensated at a rate of \$250 per act beginning Fall 2022, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival and continuing each year moving forward subject to available funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

Section 1. The honorarium for the Carrboro Poet Laureate is increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Section 2. An honorarium of \$250 per act shall be paid to musicians performing in the Carrboro Music Festival.

Section 3. The resolution is effective upon adoption.

Section 4. The Town Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Finance Officer.

This the 10th day of May 2022.

**The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade.

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89 **ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE COALITION HISTORICAL**  
90 **MARKER HONORING MANLEY MCCAULEY**

91 The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to consider approving the installation  
92 of a historical marker in the vicinity of Town Hall to recognize Manley McCauley who was a  
93 lynching victim in Orange County. This request is being made on behalf of the Orange County  
94 Community Remembrance Coalition (OCCRC). Diane Robertson, OCCRC Committee Co-  
95 Chair, made the presentation.  
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97 **A motion was made by Council Member Foushee, seconded by Council Member**  
98 **Nowell that the following resolution be approved.**  
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100 RESOLUTION APPROVING HISTORICAL MARKER HONORING MANLEY  
101 MCCAULEY  
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103 WHEREAS, the Orange County Community Remembrance Coalition (OCCRC) formed  
104 organically in the summer of 2018, in response to the opening of the National Memorial for  
105 Peace and Justice at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, AL; and  
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107 WHEREAS, the group of friends and colleagues in Orange County, NC, convened a meeting to  
108 talk about the pressing need to recognize the sufferings and sacrifices of our foremothers and  
109 forefathers in ways that would respect them and their descendants, as well as the affected  
110 communities, past and present; and  
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112 WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is committed to ending mass incarceration and  
113 excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to  
114 protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society; and  
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116 WHEREAS, The Town Council makes amends because Black people have been unjustly  
117 enslaved, segregated, incarcerated, starting with the Resolution Supporting Reparations for Black  
118 Carrboro adopted October 20, 2020; and  
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120 WHEREAS, OCCRC is working directly with the EJI to design, and offset expenditures for  
121 historical markers in Orange County to recognize the victims of lynching that occurred in the  
122 county community; and  
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124 WHEREAS, OCCRC is seeking approval for the installation of a historical marker in the vicinity  
125 of Carrboro Town Hall to recognize Manley McCauley; and  
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127 WHEREAS, Mr. McCauley was a victim lynched in the vicinity of what is now called Carrboro  
128 Town Hall; and  
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130 WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro supports the work of OCCRC and is dedicated to advancing  
131 racial equity; and  
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133 NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

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135 Section 1. The historical marker installation for Manley McCauley is approved.

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137 Section 2. The Town Manager is authorized to enter into a MOU outlining the maintenance of  
138 the historical marker.

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140 Section 3. Town staff will work with OCCRC on installing the historical marker at location  
141 Attachment G 1 and the unveiling ceremony.

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143 Section 4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

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145 This the 10th day of May, 2022.

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148 **The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:**

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150 **Ayes:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara  
151 Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade

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154 **UPDATE ON THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN**

155 The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to receive a presentation on the  
156 Orange County Transit Plan (OCTP), including an update on the planning framework,  
157 process and draft recommendations for new bus operations, and capital projects for  
158 preliminary feedback that may inform a draft plan. Caroline Dwyer with Renaissance  
159 Planning made the presentation.

160 Brian Litchfield, Transit Director for the Town of Chapel Hill, provided an introduction and  
161 short explanation of the item.

162 Caroline Dwyer, Project Manager with Renaissance Planning, gave an update on the plan.

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164 **A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member**  
165 **Romaine to approve the following resolution.**

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168 A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FRAMEWORK,  
169 PROCESS AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW BUS OPERATIONS AND  
170 CAPITAL PROJECTS TO INFORM A NEW ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN

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172 WHEREAS, *Carrboro Vision 2020* (4.13) states that the “town should cooperate with Chapel  
173 Hill and other regional entities in a comprehensive transportation plan to include: regional

174 transit service conducted by the Triangle Transit Authority [now known as GoTriangle],  
175 seamless connections among all the region’s public transit systems, and shorter routes and  
176 more frequent service;” and,

177 WHEREAS, the 2017 Orange County Transit Plan demonstrates the county’s commitment  
178 to public transit system through 2045; and

179 WHEREAS, the discontinuation of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Project  
180 (DOLRT) necessitated that Durham and Orange counties prepare updated transit  
181 plans; and

182 WHEREAS, Orange County has engaged Renaissance Planning, Inc. to prepare its updated plan.

183 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Town Council that the Council  
184 receives the presentation on the planning framework, process and draft recommendations for  
185 new bus operations and capital projects to inform a draft Orange County Transit Plan.

186 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Carrboro Town Council provides the  
187 following comments:

188 1) Council is interested in the possibility of the plan being translated into additional  
189 languages.

190 2) Council is interested in the search for new drivers to fill the driver shortage.

191 3) Council is interested in learning the results of a feasibility study into electric, solar and  
192 zero emissions buses.

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194 **This, the 10th day of May 2022.**

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196 **The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:**

197 **Ayes:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara  
198 Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade

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201 **CONTINUED CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF CARRBORO**  
202 **CONNECTS 2022-2042 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

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204 The purpose of this agenda item was for the Town Council to continue to consider,  
205 including possible adoption of the draft comprehensive plan, Carrboro Connects  
206 2022-2042.

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 208 Trish McGuire, Planning Director, presented an overview of this agenda item which  
 209 included a draft resolution for adoption, the draft comprehensive plan, revisions  
 210 summary, planning board recommendation and comments by the public and staff.

211 The latest draft plan is the third full draft and includes information gathered from two  
 212 public hearings held in November 2021 and March 2022, and two Town Council  
 213 work sessions. It incorporates feedback received since November 2021 from the Town  
 214 Council, Advisory Boards, Carrboro Connects Task Force, staff, the public,  
 215 community groups, stakeholders, and guidance from consultants.

216 Scott Goldstein with Teska Associates spoke on the racial equity lens and how it  
 217 was applied in the plan.

218 Public comment speakers on this topic:

219 **Diana Newton**, Carrboro resident, spoke on the comprehensive plan draft. She asked  
 220 about flood resilience framework and stormwater conditions assessment inventory and  
 221 addressing these in the plan. Ms. Newton asked about metrics and measures listed in  
 222 the plan. Ms. Newton said she finds them to be generic metrics. She also asked how  
 223 public will be able to see measures of the plan once adopted. Ms. Newton  
 224 recommended an online dashboard to measure metrics.

225 **Linda Haac**, Carrboro resident, asked about stormwater infrastructure with the  
 226 Bolin Creek Greenway and the Bike Master Plan items.

227 **Catherine Fray**, member of the Carrboro Connects Task Force, thanked Teska and  
 228 the planning staff for their efforts. She spoke about controversial issues relating to the  
 229 comprehensive plan including the Bolin Creek greenways, and parking. She also  
 230 talked about parking minimums and feels the Town could put more emphasis on them  
 231 with the Comprehensive Plan.

232 Mr. Goldstein said that any suggested changes/edits would need to be in by May 16 to facilitate the  
 233 plan being ready for the June 7 Town Council meeting.

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235 **APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARRBORO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
 236 **AND SELECTING A CHAIRPERSON**

237 The purpose of this item was for the Town Council to consider appointing members to the  
 238 Carrboro Tourism Development Authority (CTDA) and to select a chairperson.  
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A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Foushee to approve the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARRBORO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following to the CTDA for a term to expire in January 2023:

1. Donald Strickland
2. Marlin Fludd

Section 2. The Carrboro Town Council hereby selects the following person as chair of the Authority:

3. Donald Strickland

Section 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

**This the 10th day of May, 2022.**

**The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, and Council Member Sammy Slade

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**MATTERS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Climate Action Budget will be discussed within the FY 23 Budget discussion.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Town Clerk

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