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TITLE:

Creative Arts District Options for Establishment and Tools to Support the Creative Economy

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the UNC Public Policy Capstone students to share a presentation encompassing feedback and research findings about cultural arts districts.

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks Department, Planning and Community and Economic Development

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INFORMATION: In August 2014 The Creative Carrboro Steering Committee joined with four UNC Public Policy Capstone students to explore the possibility of a cultural arts and creativity district in Carrboro. (see attached work plan)

Jasmine Cook, Elaina Skarote, EB Hobbs-Brown and Jon Hebert had an opportunity to present findings to date and interact with the community in relation to creative businesses, artists, types of districts and the desirability of an arts district during a November 8, 2014 community session. Since that session the students have been refining their work. This presentation/report to the Board is a culmination of their research.

The steering committee is in the process of reviewing information gathered during this initiative. The student's report will be included in the review process. Once all the information is reviewed, the steering committee will begin formatting a final report to present to the Board by Spring 2015.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None at this time

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends to accept the report