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### **TITLE:**

Report on the Planning Board's Community Zoning Conversations

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen with a report on the Planning Board's "Community Zoning Conversations" outreach program held in October of 2013.

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**INFORMATION:** Encouraged by the success of the 2012 program on affordable housing, the Planning Board voted to hold another series of three dialogue sessions in recognition of community planning month in October of 2013. The 2013 program, entitled Community Zoning Conversations, was designed to help citizens gain a better understanding of the role of zoning as land use planning tool as well as how and when to participate in the process. With assistance from some of the other advisory boards, mainly-the Economic Sustainability Commission, Transportation Advisory Board and Environmental Advisory Board-- the Planning Board held three outreach sessions: October 10<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Information from those sessions can be found at the following link:

<http://www.townofcarrboro.org/PZI/CommunityConversationZoning.htm> .

The three programs focused on different areas within the Town's planning jurisdiction to provide real-life examples of various development scenarios and to better illustrate the applicability of different zoning mechanisms for different applications. Each program included a brief overview or primer on the basic concepts of zoning, a group exercise and a panel discussion to summary lessons learned. Approximately twenty-four participants attended each event.

Subsequent to the October events, the Planning Board outreach subcommittee prepared a draft report on its findings and shared the report with the full Planning Board and later with the other advisory boards for reflection and refinement. The Planning Board requested an opportunity to share these findings with the Board of the Aldermen. A resolution receiving the Planning Board's report is provided as Attachment A; a copy of the final report is included as Attachment B.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** None associated with receiving this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution to receive the report (*Attachment A*).