



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

A call for public hearing on the issue of a proposed new Arts and Innovation Center

PURPOSE: The purpose of the agenda item is to set a public hearing where the Board of Aldermen could hear the public comments on a proposal for a new Arts and Innovation Center that would replace the current ArtsCenter.

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development

CONTACT INFORMATION: Annette D. Stone, AICP Economic and Community Development Director

INFORMATION: The Town has been approached by the Board of Directors for the ArtsCenter, Kidzu, and the Carolina Performing Arts with a proposal for a joint collaboration between the three non-profits to combine resources within a new, to be constructed, town-owned facility that would be built at the corner of E Main Street and Roberson Street. This facility would be leased back to the non-profits. Preliminary details of this proposal and proposed contingencies are included in the attached draft public notice.

If the Board chooses to set the public hearing, there has been a strong desire to ensure public awareness about the proposal. Town staff has laid out a plan to inform Carrboro citizens of this proposal. In addition to public notices, staff will do press releases, web and social media campaign, posters and banners at key locations, radio interview opportunities on WCHL and WCOM, emails to Home Owners Associations and the Carrboro business community.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board consider the resolution to hold a public hearing.