



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

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

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

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development

CONTACT INFORMATION: Annette D. Stone, AICP Economic and Community Development Director 919-918-7319.

INFORMATION: The Town has been approached by the Board of Directors for the ArtsCenter and Kidzu, and with a proposal for a joint collaboration between the 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 conceptual details of this proposal and proposed contingencies are included in the attached public notice.

The ArtsCenter and Kidzu have held a series of public workshops in regards to the proposal geared toward artist, business owners and the general public. They also will be on hand for the January 20, 2015 meeting to make a presentation.

In order to ensure maximum public notice and participation, the Town staff notified the public by direct mailings to all Carrboro residents, posters, banners, press releases, print, email list, newsflashes on Town website and social media announcing the meeting. Attached are the written comments that the Town Clerk has collected so far, in addition, public comments can be posted and/or viewed at www.engagecarrboro.townofcarrboro.org <<http://www.engagecarrboro.townofcarrboro.org>>

The public is reminded this meeting will be live broadcast on GOV-TV and will live stream at <https://carrboro.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> . Comment on Twitter at #CAICpubliccomment.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board hear public comments.