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## TITLE:

Check-in on the Comprehensive Plan Process **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with an update on the current process and progress of this effort. **DEPARTMENT:** Planning

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**INFORMATION:** The Town's Comprehensive Planning process has begun! Carrboro Connects is its name and community engagement is its focus. With the assistance of Teska Associates, Inc., The Center for Neighborhood Technology and Lockamy Consulting Services, the Carrboro Connects Task Force met for the first time on September 17<sup>th</sup> in a videoconference.

Mayor Lydia Lavelle and Mayor Pro Tempore Barbara Foushee welcomed the task force. Chair Catherine Fray and Co-Chairs Quinton Harper and David Jessee relayed the task force's charge. And, Anita Jones-McNair oriented all to the Town's Race and Equity program. The group of 50 or so got right down to work. The second meeting of the task force is coming up on October 22.

Briefly, since the last project report in June, the following has been underway: interviews with 59 task force members, Town Council, Town staff in 22 virtual sessions (there are more to come!); data compilation, including map layers, statistics, existing plans and documents; research on issues and opportunities; development of project brand/logo and project website.

A plan summary, plan approach and team overview, and interview summary (*Attachments A-C*) are included. With this report, staff of the Town and Teska will present the project website, check in on the outreach strategies and plan, and outline the next steps. A town-website hosted page is available at

<a href="http://www.townofcarrboro.org/2389/Town-of-Carrboro-Comprehensive-Plan">http://www.townofcarrboro.org/2389/Town-of-Carrboro-Comprehensive-Plan</a>; the project website with full functionality is coming soon.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None noted with the Town Council receiving this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Town Council review the information on the process and respond with questions and/or directions.