A RESOLUTION ESTABISHING A COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE ADAMS PROPERTY Resolution No. 33/2001-02

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has expressed its desire to preserve property along Bolin Creek owned by the Adams family; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also expressed its desire to create a committee whose purpose would be to look at ways for funding the purchase of this property so that it can be preserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby creates a committee consisting of two members of the Board of Aldermen, one representative from the Triangle Land Conservancy, one member of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, one member of the Recreation and Parks Commission, one member of the Chapel Hill Greenways Commission, and two citizen activists.

Section 2. The charge of the committee will be to explore ways to preserve the Adams Tract.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor Aldermen Michael Nelson Joal Hall Broun

Mark Dorosin Jacquelyn Gist Diana McDuffee

Allen Spalt Alex Zaffron

Town Manager

Robert W. Morgan

Town Clerk

Sarah C. Williamson

Town Attorney

Michael B. Brough

PURCHASE OF ADAMS' PROPERTY

Bob Ross, a resident of Bolin Forest, expressed concern about the Town purchasing the Adams' property on for the purpose of constructing a public works facility. Mr. Ross suggested that the Town buy the property and use it for recreational purposes. Mr. Ross expressed concern about cut-through traffic via Bolin Creek Drive.

Linda Haack, a resident of Bolin Forest, expressed concern about constructing a connector road through the Adams' property and encouraged the Board not to purchase this piece of property for a public works facility.

William Camp, a resident of Bolin Forest, expressed concern about putting a bridge across the Adams' property.

Cameron Benny, a resident of Bolin Forest, asked if the existing public works facility could be refurbished rather than having to build a new facility, expressed concern about Bolin Forest becoming a thoroughfare, and suggested that the Adams' property be retained as open space.

Gray Brown, a resident of Bolin Forest, asked that the Town preserve the Adams' tract.

It was the consensus of the Board to request that the Agenda Planning Committee schedule a Board discussion about forming a committee whose purpose would be to look at ways to find funds to purchase and preserve the Adams' property.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Diana McDuffee and duly seconded by Alderman Allen Spalt.

A RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S DESIRE TO PRESERVE PROPERTY ALONG BOLIN CREEK Resolution No. 11/2001-02

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have a long standing desire to protect the Bolin Creek corridor through land preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Town has demonstrated this goal by requiring that developers set aside 40 percent of development for open space, much of it along Bolin and other creeks; and

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to pursuing ALL options for protecting available land along the creek; and

WHEREAS, the Adams' Tract, one of the most beautiful, pristine pieces of land left in Carrboro, is currently on the market; and

WHEREAS, the Town is currently exploring options for locating a new public works facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN THAT:

Section 1. Purchasing the Adams' Tract solely for use as a Public Works Facility is not a reasonable option.

Section 2. The Town will seek to preserve this property by exploring all available options and will seek to form a relationship with a land conservancy or a similar organization to ensure the preservation of as much of this property as possible.

Section 3. If the land is purchased, development of the Adams' Tract for public purposes other than recreation will be considered only if it proves to be the best option for preserving the majority of the tract in a natural state.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 21st day of August, 2001:

Ayes: Alex Zaffron, Mark Dorosin, Joal Hall Broun, Michael Nelson, Diana McDuffee, Allen Spalt

Noes: Jacquelyn Gist

Absent or Excused: None

Linda Haack encouraged the Board to take an environmental approach in its decision regarding the Adams' Tract. She stated that according to the Town Manager, two other pieces of property are being considered for possible purchase for a public works facility and they are considerably lower in price than the Adams' property. Ms. Haack also suggested that the Town of Carrboro work with the Town of Chapel Hill to construct a joint public works facility.

Alderman Broun requested that the Agenda Planning Committee schedule a staff report on efforts to co-locate the public works facility with Orange County and Chapel Hill.

Alderman Gist requested that the town staff consider building a multi-story public works facility.
