

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: **October 28, 2003**

TITLE: Report from the Horace Williams Committee

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENT: A. Resolution B. Report	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Williford, 918-7325

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to receive a report from the Horace Williams Committee regarding the University of North Carolina's plans for the future use of the Horace Williams tract currently referred to as Carolina North. A member of the committee, Mr. Rich Bell, will present the report.

INFORMATION:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen established the Horace Williams Advisory Committee on February 11, 2003 and made appoints to the committee on March 11, 2003. The board adopted the following charge for the committee:

- To define and advocate for Carrboro's interests and objectives with regard to any plans proposed for the development of the Horace Williams property (Carolina North) including the following topic areas: water and sewer, hazardous waste, stormwater, transportation modes (including transit, bicycle, pedestrian and auto), housing, schools, natural area protection, fiscal equity, and neighborhood interface.
- To keep the Mayor and Board of Aldermen informed about the work progress.
- To identify points in the process where a public hearing would be appropriate, to bring information to the attention of the community, and provide opportunity for citizen comment.
- To prepare recommendations for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen's consideration regarding the University's plan for the Horace Williams property once a proposal is developed.

In keeping with their charge, The Horace Williams Advisory Committee held their first meeting on June 23, 2003 and after meeting about twice a month completed the attached report on October 13, 2003. The report provides the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a listing of what the committee considers positive features and a listing of primary concerns about the current draft conceptual plan. The report concludes with a set of detailed priorities and recommendations categorized within the following three areas: a) permanent Bolin Creek/ open space protection, b) sustainable transportation connections/neighborhood protection from traffic and c) public-private options for taxation and provision of public services.

The next steps in the process recommended by the committee include:

1. Setting up a public comment session as soon as possible (November 11, 2003 suggested);
2. Charge the committee with creating an addendum to the report that is more detailed specifically with regard to water reuse, construction methods, sustainability issues and etc.;
3. Charge the committee with reviewing the draft plan for Carolina North after it is released by UNC and providing input back to the Board of Aldermen.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A), that expresses the Board's gratitude for the work and report completed by the Horace Williams Advisory Committee, accepts the report, charges the committee to create an addendum to the report, charges the committee to provide input back to the board once the draft plan for Carolina North is released and sets the recommended public comment session for November 11, 2003.