

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 11, 2003

TITLE: Public Comment Session on the Horace Williams Committee Report

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <u>X</u> NO ___
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 hold a public hearing on the October 28, 2003 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.

INFORMATION:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen received a report from the Horace Williams Advisory Committee on October 28, 2003 and set a public hearing for tonight to obtain public comment. Public comment obtained tonight will be sent to the committee for their consideration in formulating an addendum that will supplement the report with more detail and specifically address water reuse, construction methods, sustainability issues and etc.

The Board following the receipt of the report had the following suggestions for the committee:

1. That re-use of water will be addressed by the Committee in the addendum;
2. That the ratio of housing to other uses and to other educational facilities be included by the University
3. That housing for lower salaried employees be addressed in the addendum;
4. Requested that the committee discuss whether Carolina North would be paying school impact fees, and whether Carolina North would be paying hookup fees;
5. That the final document includes a principle that the University will provide housing for its staff and students.

The committee's report provides a listing of what the committee considers positive features and a listing of primary concerns about the University's 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Aldermen conduct a public comment session on the Horace Williams Committee's report dated October 28, 2003 and adopt the attached resolution that forwards a copy of tonight's minutes to the committee for their consideration.