

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(8)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2004

TITLE: Request to Make an Appointment to the Homestead Road and High School Road Task Force

DEPARTMENT: n/a	PUBLIC HEARING: YES or NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Letter from Barry Jacobs C. Application from Mary Rabinowitz D. Excerpt from 10/21/03 Board of Aldermen Minutes	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mayor Mike Nelson

PURPOSE

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are requested to consider appointing Mary Rabinowitz to serve as the Town of Carrboro's citizen representative on the Homestead Road and High School Road Task Force. The administration requests that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution making this appointment.

INFORMATION

At the October 15, 2003 Assembly of Governments meeting, Sharon Cooke spoke regarding pedestrian, bicycling and traffic issues. The Orange County Board of Commissioners at its December 1st meeting established a task force to deal with these safety issues. The Commissioners are requesting the Town of Carrboro to appoint community representatives and appropriate staff members to this task force.

On October 21, 2003, Sharon Cooke requested that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen join the County and Chapel Hill in appointing a citizens committee that would craft a funded solution for getting sidewalks from the neighborhoods north of Homestead Road to Chapel Hill High School with safe crossing areas for students.

The Board of Aldermen voted to join in the establishment of the citizens committee and appointed Alderman Zaffron to serve as Carrboro's representative on that committee. In addition, the Board requested that the police chief work out a cooperative arrangement with the Chapel Hill Police Chief to provide for a traffic control officer at the Homestead/High School Road intersection before and after school hours.

The Town Clerk has received an application from Mary Rabinowitz expressing interest in serving as Carrboro's citizen representative on the Homestead Road and High School Road Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution appointing Mary Rabinowitz to serve as the Carrboro citizen representative on this task force.