

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2004

TITLE: A Request to Approve the 2004 Work Plan

DEPARTMENT: Manager's Office	PUBLIC HEARING: No
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution. B. Strategic Priorities C. Proposed 2004-05 Work Plan D. Departmental Project List	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Stewart, 918-7315 Richard White, 918-7314

PURPOSE

Each year, the Board of Aldermen conducts two retreats to establish priorities for the next year. Staff has identified action steps to implement each strategic priority and goal. The purpose of this item is to request that the Board review the action steps, provide clarification, and approve the proposed work plan for 2004-05.

INFORMATION

The Board conducted two retreats on December 7, 2003 and February 15 and 16, 2004. At the conclusion of the February retreat, the Board agreed that staff would 1) develop an approach for each strategic priority and set of goals and bring back a proposed work plan at the April work session for feedback; and 2) recommend which and how many strategic priorities to cover in this session. In addition, the Board agreed to do some advance homework and share ideas with other Board members and the Manager if a Board member had an idea for operationalizing a goal.

Staff has addressed all of the priorities and goals so that the Board can react prior to budget work sessions and the summer break. The items in bold italic below are listed for clarification by the Board:

❖ **Diversify revenue stream to maintain ethnic and economic diversity**

Annual goals:

4. Improve options for child care businesses

- Request Board to establish task force

❖ **Protect historic neighborhoods and maintain Carrboro's unique identity**

Annual goals:

4. Formalize Carrboro's governance principles into coherent statement

- Request clarification from Board

❖ **Encourage development that is compact, dense, and appeals to diverse lifestyles and incomes**

Annual goals:

1. Develop mechanisms to ensure availability of new housing stock to diverse economic and social groups

- *Request definition of social groups*

❖ **Enhance and sustain quality of life/place issues for everyone**

Annual goals:

2. *Advance social justice and equity issues in town policies, operations, and budget*

- Request/provide definitions for social justice and equity
- Explore implementation, i.e., use of recycled products, MWBD, etc.

Staff has prepared a proposed work plan for 2004-05 based on the Board's work at the retreats (Attachment C). Attachment D contains projects from the *2003 Action Agenda* and from departmental lists that either are in progress or will be completed during the next fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board review the action steps, provide clarification, and approve the 2004-05 Work Plan.