

ATTACHMENT A

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CHILDCARE STUDY COMMITTEE Resolution No. 151/2003-04

WHEREAS, childcare opportunities for Carrboro families are limited; and

WHEREAS, childcare is often expensive and difficult for working families to afford; and

WHEREAS, a better quality of childcare, a greater range of opportunities and lower childcare costs are in the interest of Carrboro families and Carrboro businesses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Carrboro Childcare Study Committee is hereby established by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and Town Manager or their designee(s) shall solicit applications for appointment to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of relevant community stakeholders including but not limited to the following:

- A. One or more members of the Board of Aldermen,
- B. One or more home-based childcare facility operators,
- C. One or more state-licensed childcare facility operators,
- D. One or more unregulated not-home-based facility operators,
- E. A representative of Childcare Networks,
- F. A representative of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children,
- G. A representative from the Headstart and/or early Headstart program,
- H. Parent(s) of Carrboro children in daycare or preschool (or who would like to be in daycare or preschool), and
- I. Such other persons as the Board of Aldermen may choose to appoint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Childcare Study Committee is charged with gathering information and making a report to the Board of Aldermen regarding the following issues:

- A. Planning and zoning treatment of childcare facilities,
- B. Revenue neutral steps that the Town can take to increase childcare options in Carrboro, and
- C. Opportunities for improving working conditions for childcare workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee shall dissolve within one year of the date of adoption of this resolution, unless its charge is extended by action of the Board of Aldermen.

To: Carrboro Board of Aldermen
From: Mark Chilton
Re: Diversifying childcare options in Carrboro
Date: April 23, 2004

Background

The Board will likely recall that our annual goal setting retreat involved a discussion of the issue of childcare in Carrboro. Not only is childcare increasingly expensive in our community, but there are many families seeking a limited number of positions. Furthermore staff members of these institutions tend to be undervalued by the American economy. The Board put these issues on its annual workplan. This agenda item comes to the Board as follow up to this goal.

Proposal

I would like to propose that the Board form an ad-hoc committee to look at this issue over the course of 6 months or so. The Committee would conclude its work by making a report and a set of recommendations to the Board of Aldermen. The Childcare Study Committee would focus its attention on the following issues:

1. Planning and zoning treatment of childcare facilities,
2. Revenue neutral steps that the Town can take to increase childcare options in Carrboro,
3. Opportunities for improving working conditions for childcare workers, and
4. Other matters that the Board would like to add to the Committee's agenda.

The Committee would be composed of relevant community stakeholders. Initially, I would like to suggest the following:

1. One or more members of the Board of Aldermen,
2. One or more home-based childcare facility operators,
3. One or more state-licensed childcare facility operators,
4. One or more unregulated not-home-based facility operators,
5. A representative of Childcare Networks,
6. A representative of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children,
7. A representative from the Headstart and/or early Headstart program,
8. Parent(s) of Carrboro children in daycare or preschool (or who would like to be in daycare or preschool), and
9. Such other persons as the Board of Aldermen may choose to appoint.

I would anticipate that the Town would solicit applicants through the usual channels as well as by contacting local organizations and businesses meeting the abovementioned criteria. It will be important for the committee to reflect the linguistically and racially diverse nature of the local childcare community. I would ask that the Town assist in providing translation services, if necessary, in order to ensure full participation by the Spanish speaking community in Carrboro. Furthermore, the committee would seek to

meet at various local childcare facilities in order to ensure that parents of young children are afforded a meaningful opportunity to participate in the committee's work.

I hope that the Committee can be appointed by the Board in August or early September so that the Committee can carry out its work in the last four months of 2004 and bring its report to the Board of Aldermen in early 2005.

Requested Action

I ask the Board of Aldermen to adopt the following resolution with any such amendments as the Board may deem appropriate.