

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: (3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 8, 2004

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO HIGH SCHOOL #3

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| DEPARTMENT: PLANNING DEPARTMENT | PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ No <u>X</u> |
| ATTACHMENTS: A. VICINITY MAP B. REQUEST FROM APPLICANT C. SITE PLAN D. ORANGE COUNTY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION LETTER E. CARRBORO RESPONSE LETTER F. AGENDA ITEM AND MINUTES REGARDING ORANGE COUNTY REQUEST G. EMAIL FROM ROY WILLIFORD TO CRAIG BENEDICT REF. SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE INFORMATION | FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: JEFF KLEAVELAND, 918-7332 |

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro School District has submitted CUP plans for the proposed High School # 3 to be located at located at 201 Rock Haven Road, off of Smith Level Road (see Attachment A). The plans are still being reviewed by staff but a public hearing has been requested by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School System to allow for public discussion of the design. The School representatives will make a brief presentation.

INFORMATION

Staff is coordinating the public hearing to accommodate the request of the school system (see Attachment B). The school system is interested in receiving public input at this stage in the process even though the plans are not yet complete. The public hearing should be continued to a later date at the conclusion of the June 8th discussion.

The public hearing notification area for the hearing is consistent with the notification requirements for a Conditional Use Permit meaning all renters and property owners within 1000 feet of the subject property have been given written notification. As the project is still undergoing staff review, no staff report or analysis is included at this time however, the proposed plans are attached for your reference (Attachment C). No permit will be issued or considered during the public hearing.

Members of the Advisory Boards will be invited to attend the hearing. The applicant intends to give a brief presentation. Staff will be available to answer questions.

Note that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Orange County has been working together with the Chapel Hill – Carrboro City School Board to develop “Smart Growth Recommendations” to guide the

design development of the proposed school. Attached is a letter (with attachments) from the Orange County Manager, John Link, Jr., requesting that the Board of Aldermen provide feedback to BOCC regarding the adopted smart growth principles (Attachment D). A summary letter, providing the requested feedback, was drafted and sent to the Orange County Manager (Attachment E) after the Board of Aldermen formally met and discussed the matter (Attachment F). Note that Town staff's participation in the drafting of the Smart Growth Recommendations has been sought early on in the process (Attachment G).

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board open the public hearing for the proposed High School #3.