

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 13, 2005

TITLE: Worksession to Review of Town Code Provisions Dealing with Restrictions on Commercial Activity on Town Property

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: YES/NO x
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Letter from Recreation and Parks Commission C. Commission minutes excerpts dated 10/4/04, 11/1/04, 1/10/05 and 6/6/05 D. Section 14-20 of the Town Code	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair - 918-7381

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen is requested to review Section 14-20 of the Town Code and consider revising the ordinance to allow non-profit organizations to plan and implement community-oriented events and commercial activity on park property. Doris Murrell, Recreation and Parks Commission Chair will present this agenda item.

INFORMATION

In the past year, the Recreation and Parks Commission discussed Section 14-20 of the Town Code (Commercial Activity Restricted). Various instances of fundraising requests that were not approved were brought to the attention of the Commission. The Board also requested that fundraising efforts be considered in the Town Commons area.

The Friends of Bolin Creek requested that the Commission review the ordinance and make a recommendation to the Board to review the section of the ordinance that prohibits fundraising efforts on town property. As a result of the discussions, the Commission voted to send a letter requesting that the Board of Aldermen review this portion of the ordinance.

Currently only the Century Center and Town Commons can be used for fundraising efforts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board consider the request and review Section 14-20 of the Town Ordinance. The process should be clear and consistent for all town facilities.