# A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO CHAPEL HILL'S SMALL AREA PLAN COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN THE WEST FRANKLIN, WEST ROSEMARY, AND MAIN STREET AREA Resolution No. 94/2005-06

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is desirous of coordinated planning of border areas with Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has proposed a Small Area Plan (SAP) process for elected officials from both towns to discuss development issues in the West Franklin, West Rosemary, and Main Street area of the boundary between the two towns; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has appointed two of its Council members to engage in this process; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has requested that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen also appoint Board members to serve with the Chapel Hill Town Council members in this process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen appoints the following members to serve in the Border Area Small Area Plan process:

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AGENDA #4g

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Mayor and Town Council

FROM:

W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager

SUBJECT:

Follow Up Report - Proposed Process for Developing a Joint Small Area Plan

with Carrboro for Adjoining Downtown Areas

DATE:

February 27, 2006

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide additional information requested by the Council at its January 12, 2006 Planning Session regarding a proposed process for development of a joint small area plan in the area of West Franklin/West Rosemary Streets in Chapel Hill and Main Street in Carrboro. A map of this general area is provided for your information (Attachment 1).

The attached resolution would appoint members of the Council to initiate discussion with elected officials from the Town of Carrboro regarding a small area plan process for the West Franklin Street and West Rosemary Street area in Chapel Hill and Main Street area in Carrboro. The resolution requests that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen appoint representatives for this purpose.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the Planning Session on January 12, 2006, the Council discussed the concept of asking the Carrboro Board of Aldermen if it would be interested in participating in the development of a Small Area Plan for the area of downtown Carrboro at the western boundary of Chapel Hill, including West Franklin Street and West Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill and East Main Street in Carrboro. At that time, we informed the Council that we would return on February 27, 2006 with a resolution to begin this process.

#### DISCUSSION

Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro have experienced increased interest in the development and redevelopment of sections of their downtowns. Several development proposals have recently been submitted in the area of West Franklin Street and West Rosemary Street in Chapel Hill and Main Street in Carrboro. These include the Greenbridge proposal in Chapel Hill and the 300 East Main Street project in Carrboro.

We believe it would be beneficial to both Chapel Hill and Carrboro to examine the common border area and develop a small area plan for the adjoining areas of the Chapel Hill and Carrboro downtowns. A small area plan would help ensure that both communities could better coordinate roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, public transit, and signal system improvements necessary to accommodate these developments.

## RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Council adopt the attached resolution requesting the appointment of members of the Council to initiate discussions with elected officials from Carrboro regarding a small area plan process for the West Franklin Street and West Rosemary Street area of Chapel Hill and Main Street area of Carrboro.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map of Possible Downtown Study Area (p. 4).

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM CARRBORO REGARDING A SMALL AREA PLAN PROCESS FOR THE WEST FRANKLIN STREET AND WEST ROSEMARY STREET AREA OF CHAPEL HILL AND MAIN STREET AREA OF CARRBORO (2006-02-27/R-7)

WHEREAS, Carrboro and Chapel Hill each have an interest in the ensuring orderly development in the West Franklin Street, Rosemary Street and Main Street area; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to initiate a Small Area Plan Process for the development of a small area plan to ensure coordination between Chapel Hill and Carrboro; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council appoints Council Members Cam Hill and Mark Kleinschmidt to initiate discussions with elected officials from Carrboro regarding a Small Area Plan process for the West Franklin, West Rosemary and Main Street area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen appoint representatives for this purpose.

This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

# West Chapel Hill - East Carrboro Possible Downtown Study Area

