

ATTACHMENT A

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW HORIZONS TASK FORCE FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND THE NEWLY ANNEXED AREA IN NORTHERN CARRBORO

Resolution No. 224/2006-07

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, on April 4, 2006, established a New Horizons Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the New Horizons Task Force was charged with being a formal communication link between the Board of Aldermen and residents of the newly annexed area; and

WHEREAS, as directed, the New Horizons Task Force has met regularly, surveyed the residents of the newly annexed area, discussed many issues relevant to the newly annexed area, and formally reported to the Board on three occasions (9/19/06, 2/20/07, and 6/19/07);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

Section 1. The New Horizons Task Force's commitment of time and energy to the project of helping the Board of Aldermen more fully understand the sentiments of residents in the newly annexed area is commended and greatly appreciated.

Section 2. The New Horizons Task Force is hereby officially dissolved.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

New Horizons Task Force

Final Report to the
Carrboro Board of Aldermen
June 19, 2007

SINCE LAST PRESENTATION ON FEBRUARY 20, 2007:

- Adopted a resolution regarding the proposed transfer station
- Made appointments to the Rogers Road Study Area Task Force and NSAPIRC
- Met with Transportation Advisory Board Chair Heidi Perry
- Made recommendations regarding advisory board appointments and operations
- Commented on the proposed budget
- Discussed remaining annexation issues and lingering dissatisfaction and resentment

RESOLUTION: TRANSFER STATION

- Only resolution NHTF has done
- Asked BOA to "respond to the BOCC request for a recommendation concerning the Waste Transfer Station by recommending a complete, thorough, and systematic investigation and evaluation of potential sites"
- Letter drafted and sent to BOA detailing pertinent factors recommended for this consideration

MEETING WITH TAB CHAIR HEIDI PERRY

- Discussed policies and initiatives related to the annexed areas, including:
- the connector-roads policy
- commercial development
- planning of bike and pedestrian paths
- current and future traffic issues on Eubanks, Homestead and Rogers Road

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- NHTF members addressed neighborhood concerns about:
 - the application process
 - the internal operations of the advisory boards
 - the role of the BOA in the appointment process
- NHTF studied this at length over a few meetings and has recommendations for the BOA

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: ADHERE TO APPLICATION PROCESS

- Enforce October 31 submittal deadlines
- Enforce twelve month application expiration
- Follow up with persons not selected for their initial board choice
- Consider dividing into two appointment sessions per year
- Improve advertisement of vacancies

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: INTERNAL OPERATIONS

- Each board should have bylaws, and follow these bylaws
- Have advisory board members take responsibility for the following:
 - Nominating and selecting the Chair
 - Making the advisory board candidate recommendations

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: ROLE OF THE BOA

- Clarify and communicate role of BOA as to appointments to Town advisory boards
 - Does BOA participate in active selection of candidates?
 - Is the BOA limited to voting on recommended candidates?
- Clarify role of BOA liaisons
 - May recommend against board reappointment

REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- From the Public Hearing on Nov. 16, 2004:

Provision of Services

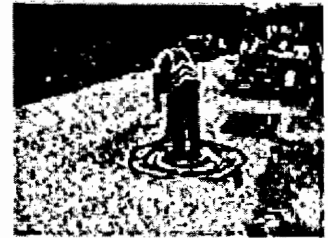
- On the effective date of annexation, the Town of Carrboro will provide each major municipal service on substantially the same basis and in the same manner, as such services are provided within the rest of the Town immediately before annexation

REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- From the Public Works slide:

General Street Maintenance

- Street Name Signs
- Traffic Control Signs and Markings
- Street Paving (Town Streets approx. every 15 yrs)
- Street Right-of-Way Maintenance (Mow 4 times/season)
- Snow Removal (By Town Street Classification Priority)

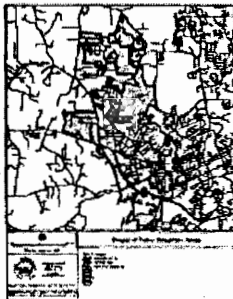


REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- From the Police Services slide:

Police Services Continued

- "Police Response Areas"
 - Carrboro is currently divided into three patrol areas;
 - The Department anticipates realigning the patrol areas;
 - Two additional patrol officers will be needed to serve the 2 annexation areas.



REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- From the Fire Department slide:

Future Fire Department Improvements

- A fire substation is proposed for the northern part of Carrboro to accommodate anticipated growth and to improve fire coverage. The Town's current Capital Improvement Program anticipates efforts to begin for a fire substation in FY 06-07.
 - Estimated Capital Cost approach \$2 million
 - Estimated Annual Operation Cost of \$675,000.
- Six additional fire hydrants may be needed to meet a 1000 foot separation standard once OWASA waterlines are extended throughout Annexation Area "B" with estimated current cost of \$3,500 each.

REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- From the Public Transportation slide:

Carrboro Contracts with Chapel Hill Transit for the provision of public transit as part of the annual budget process.

Potentially, transit services could be extended to the Rogers Road area if a decision is made to appropriate available funds and to alter existing services in keeping with demand.

REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- From the OWASA slide (while current home owners are not realistically able to benefit from this extension, this "benefit" has prompted a new - and controversial - development submission):
- The Town of Carrboro plans to provide for the extension of approximately 900 linear feet of 16-inch outfall line to a point where sewer service will be generally available to Annexation Area "B".

REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- With the annexation, new residents started paying Carrboro taxes
- Taxes: the number one concern on the survey, continue to be a concern

REMAINING ANNEXATION ISSUES

- NHTF asks that the BOA revisit these annexation items that were part of the original presentation to the community, and that should be continually addressed and followed up on
- NHTF asks that the BOA have an update on these items in June 2008

NHTF: SUMMARY

- third and final report of the NHTF
- NHTF met 14 times since being created in May 2006

NHTF: SUMMARY

- 89% attendance by NHTF members (Fox Meadow, Highlands North, Homestead Road)
- Always an alderman at a meeting, and overall there was 96% attendance by the two BOA members
- 77% attendance by resident Linda Bowerman (Meadow Run)

NHTF: SUMMARY

- Why formed?
 - Had to define role as a "communication conduit"
 - surveyed residents, followed up on areas of concern
- How did NHTF benefit the Town of Carrboro?
 - Developed comprehensive suggestions for annexation process
 - Made recommendations regarding advisory board appointments
 - Served as a "template" for future task forces

NHTF: SUMMARY

- How did NHTF benefit the newly annexed residents?
 - Communicated the mindset of residents
 - Each NHTF member became a repository of information about issues we have discussed
 - Encouraged the Town to look into communication/signage in the new area
 - Made appointments to various boards to represent the new residents
 - Overall, the approach of NHTF has been to recognize the negative feelings regarding annexation, and to work through concerns constructively
- Questions or comments?