

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(2)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2008

**TITLE: Carrboro Cultural Inventory Report - Walking Tour by UNC Students**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Recreation and Parks	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> NO
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Report	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381 Brendan Moore – 918-7392

### **PURPOSE:**

Present a report to the Board of Aldermen including an inventory of historical and cultural artifacts, buildings, and landmarks in Carrboro that was compiled and made into a walking tour. The presentation will be given by Lindsey Davis and John Gowan – Master of Public Administration students at UNC.

### **INFORMATION:**

The report was completed as a result of a course requirement. Initially, the students met with the Recreation and Parks staff to evaluate the feasibility of such a project. Amazingly enough this was the type of project that the department wanted to undertake at a later date in hopes to develop a walking tour of Carrboro. The MPA team inventoried historical and cultural artifacts, buildings, and landmarks in Carrboro, North Carolina. Tracing Carrboro's history from a mill-town to a progressive community, the identified landmarks are compiled into a guide and brochure that can be used to market Carrboro and educate town citizens and visitors. The students used existing sources on the history of Carrboro, conducted interviews, and participated in site visits. During the research stage of the project they discovered a book that was already available as an excellent resource, "*Carrboro, NC, Architectural and Historical Inventory*" by Claudia Roberts Brown, Burgess McSwain and John Florin, which greatly assisted with the completion of the project. A final product including a presentation, completed walking tour, map, and synthesis of information will be presented. Darrell Butts is also included in this team however will not be present during the presentation.

Town staff will work with members of the community and complete additional research to identify and incorporate other areas of cultural and historical significance that is not included. In addition, staff recently became aware of a similar project that was being considered several years. Staff will also communicate and work with project volunteers to incorporate a combined vision.

### **FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT**

\$13 for copying cost and 8 hours of staff time.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the attached resolution.