

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO.: E(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 2010

**TITLE: PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC CARRBORO PLAQUES FOR THE CENTURY BUILDING AND TOWN HALL.**

<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES __ No <u>X</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. RESOLUTION</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> <b>TOM WILTBERGER, 968-6169</b> <b>JAMES THOMAS, 918-7335</b>

### PURPOSE

Tom Wiltberger, member of Appearance Commission and The Historic Plaque Program will be presenting the Town of Carrboro with Historic Plaques for The Century Building and Town Hall.

### INFORMATION

The Historic Carrboro Plaque Program (HCPP) began as an idea proposed by Tom Wiltberger to the Appearance Commission/Historic Preservation Commission in January 2006. The Appearance Commission agreed to support the project, and a planning committee was formed including one Appearance Commission members (Tom Wiltberger) and community volunteers: Sheryl Forbis, Richard Ellington and Catherine DeVine.

The HCPP planning committee presented to the Board of Aldermen originally in March 2006 to gain support and minimal funding for doing a mailing to historic property owners. Over 70+ property owners were invited to a public meeting, held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Approximately twenty property owners attended and responses to the plaque concept was very positive.

Program development continued after the meeting, but slowed in 2007 due to other personal commitments of the committee members. Serious research, planning, and program development resumed in 2008 including: criteria development, gathering of research resources, writing of the application, online materials, and formation of a plaque application review committee.

A plaque design competition was held in the spring of 2008 among the local art community, and the winning design was awarded in May 2008. The committee is pleased to announce that the Historic Carrboro Plaque Program is now implemented.

Thus far, two applications have been received, approved, and awarded plaques and they are located at the W.B Glenn house at 503 Oak Avenue and the John Edward Cole house at 117 W. Carr Street. The HCPP committee looks forward to the Town's assistance in helping to own and market the program.

**STAFF AND FISCAL IMPACT**

The two plaques were paid out of The Appearance Commission's budget and the installation of the plaques themselves will be handled by the Public Works Department.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Staff recommends that the Board accept the plaques for The Century Center and Town Hall.