

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, December 6, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Eleanor Kinnaird
Aldermen	Randy Marshall
	Tom Gurganus
	Hilliard Caldwell
	Judith Wegner
	Frances Shetley
	Jay Bryan
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY FRANCES SHETLEY THAT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 1988 BE APPROVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PROCLAMATION ISSUED

Mayor Kinnaird proclaimed December 15, 1988 as Bill of Rights Day in Carrboro.

REQUEST FOR LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Steve Fisher, with Lucy Carol Davis Associates and speaking on behalf of property owners in the joint planning transition area, requested that the Board of Aldermen consider amending the Land Use Ordinance to increase the square footage allowed for home occupations, particularly in the R-4 zone.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDITH WEGNER AND SECONDED BY FRANCES SHETLEY THAT THE TOWN STAFF PREPARE A REPORT ON THIS MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Ann Weeks, the town's senior planner, stated that on November 15, 1988, the Board held a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance controlling development in floodplains. As requested by the Board, the administration has reviewed the comments on the proposed amendments and have revised the ordinance, where appropriate, to reflect those comments. Ms. Weeks briefly explained the proposed changes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDITH WEGNER AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN THAT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVI OF THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE CONCERNING FLOODWAYS AND FLOODPLAINS" BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED ON 11-21-88. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT

Alderman Wegner presented a brief status report on the Solid Waste Task Force Report.

APPOINTMENTS TO HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The Chair of the Human Services Commission recommended the appointment of Shirley Jackson and Thomas Rudin to the Human Services Commission.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY JUDITH WEGNER

THAT SHIRLEY JACKSON AND THOMAS RUDIN BE APPOINTED TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REPORT FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

Jane Hamborsky presented a report from the Historic Preservation Task Force, including a proposed ordinance, guidelines and boundary map for an historic district and a neighborhood preservation district in Carrboro.

David Griffiths, a member of the Historic Preservation Task Force, also spoke in favor of the designation of an historic district and neighborhood preservation district for the town.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY BRYAN AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE ORDINANCE AND GUIDELINES BE REFERRED TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND APPEARANCE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW, AND THAT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TASK FORCE FINALIZE THE HISTORIC DESIGNATION REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE N.C. DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD REQUESTED THE TASK FORCE PREPARE A PUBLIC INFORMATION PACKET FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

RESOLUTION ENDORSING CHARTER FOR ORANGE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Kinnaird presented a Charter for the Orange County Assembly of Local Governments that she, Mayor Howes and Moses Carey were proposing for adoption by Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Judith Wegner and duly seconded by Alderman Randy Marshall.

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CHARTER FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
Resolution No. 21/88-89

WHEREAS, the local governments in Orange County have been meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern; and

WHEREAS, the local governments in Orange County have expressed a desire to form an Assembly of Local Governments in order to promote communication and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, a Charter has been prepared by the three Mayors and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and has been recommended by them for adoption.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby endorses the Charter for the Orange County Assembly of Local Governments.

Section 2. The Board hereby requests the Mayors of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough along with the Chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, to develop and circulate in advance of any meeting of the Orange County Assembly of Local Governments an agenda which addresses new and old business to be considered. And, specifically, that the first agenda address specifically the creation of particular working groups and subjects for on-going information exchange.

Section 3. That the Charter be approved for a two-year period and, unless re-approved, shall expire on December 1, 1990.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective upon

adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 6th day of December, 1988:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird, Frances Shetley, Judith Wegner, Jay Bryan

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF AN OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR
IN DURHAM AND ORANGE COUNTIES

Roy Williford, Planning Director, presented a resolution that the Mayors of Durham and Chapel Hill and Commission Chairmen from Durham and Orange Counties were proposing for adoption calling for the preservation of open space extending along the Durham-Orange County line from New Hope Creek to Eno River State Park. Mr. Williford stated that the resolution had been prepared for presentation to each governing board for endorsement of the concept. Mr. Williford stated that the open space corridor would provide a benefit to the urban area, which includes the Town of Carrboro, but is not located within Carrboro's planning jurisdiction. It would seem appropriate for C a r r b o r o

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the efforts and the open space corridor concept, but not necessarily appropriate to provide financial support due to the indirect benefit being provided.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Randy Marshall and duly seconded by Judith Wegner.

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PRESERVATION OF A CORRIDOR OF
OPEN SPACE CONNECTING NEW HOPE CREEK WITH THE ENO RIVER
THROUGH ORANGE AND DURHAM COUNTIES
Resolution No. 25/88-89

WHEREAS, the rural and natural beauty of Orange and Durham Counties is prized by our residents; and

WHEREAS, the urban areas of Orange and Durham Counties are experiencing unprecedented growth; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Durham County and Orange County have shown concern for preservation of open space through the Chapel Hill Greenway Commission, the Orange County Rural Character Advisory Committee, the Durham Urban Trails and Greenways Commission, and the Durham County Open Space Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, preservation of open space as an accompaniment to growth can mitigate the impacts of growth and help retain natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, preservation of open space provides environmental benefits such as protecting water quality and providing habitat for native plant species and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, open space could form an aesthetic link between Durham and Chapel Hill, while allowing the two communities to remain distinct; and

WHEREAS, an open space corridor can serve as a recreational resource providing a place for walking and jogging, becoming part of the regional trail network; and

WHEREAS, as open space corridor can provide opportunity for environmental education and observation of nature.

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

Section 1. The Town of Carrboro endorses the concept of a corridor of open space connecting New Hope Creek with the eno River through Orange and Durham Counties. However, this endorsement is not intended as a commitment by the Town to provide financial support for the creation of the open space corridor.

Section 2. The Town of Carrboro endorses the efforts of its neighboring jurisdictions to preserve an open space corridor.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 6th day of December, 1988:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird, Frances Shetley, Judith Wegner, Jay Bryan

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

POST OFFICE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

James Harris, the town's Special Projects Coordinator, stated that the U.S Postal Service was once again advertising for site proposals for a new post office in the Town of Carrboro. Mr. Harris stated that the administration requested authorization for the Town Manager to have a portion of Westwood Cemetery appraised to determine its market value for possible sale to the U.S. Postal Service.

Ben Grantham, a member of the Cemetery Committee, stated that the Cemetery Committee had discussed the sale of a portion of the Westwood Cemetery at its meeting on December 2, 1988, and that the Committee felt that the portion of Westwood Cemetery being considered for sale has been deemed less suitable for burials due to rock formation and outcroppings. The Committee was reluctant to offer more than two acres for sale and requested that the following stipulations be placed upon the sale of the land:

1) That all proceeds from the sale of the land be placed in the Cemetery Fund to be used to replace the property acre-for-acre and that any remaining funds be used in accordance with the rules and guidelines set forth for the perpetual fund; and

2) That a public forum be held at some point to discuss how the proceeds from the sell of the land should be used.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL THAT THE TOWN MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE A PORTION OF WESTWOOD CEMETERY APPRAISED TO DETERMINE A MARKET VALUE AND BRING THE MATTER BACK BEFORE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON DECEMBER 13, 1988. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDITH WEGNER AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Saul C. Williamson
Town Clerk

Dean J. Kincaid
Mayor