

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 20, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 1990 BE APPROVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMUNITY CENTER

This was a public hearing to receive public input on the development of a recreation community center for the Town of Carrboro.

Richard Kinney, Recreation and Parks Director, presented information regarding the history and need for a community center for the Town of Carrboro. The Recreation & Parks Commission asked that the Board of Aldermen give consideration of funding a recreation community center by bond referendum. Mr. Kinney stated that the projected cost of the facility with all facilities built at one time, including land costs would be \$4,358,871. The facility as proposed includes athletic and general facilities, older adults section with commercial kitchen, arts/crafts/ceramics area, library/audio visual room, and indoor racquet courts is projected to cost \$3,857,826. With land and operating costs this total would be \$4,358,871 with a total tax rate impact of 12.09 cents. Mr. Kinney reviewed the vast advertising methods used to inform the general public about this hearing and concluded the initial presentation with a reminder that the Board of Aldermen had made no decision regarding this subject and were holding the hearing to receive public input for direction in proceeding with the community center consideration.

Doris Murrell, Chair of the Recreation & Parks Commission, stated that the Recreation & Parks Commission had again reviewed the community center consideration at their last meeting and recommended that the Board consider the following two items. The Commission feels that the funding of the full facility creates a large tax burden and would not probably pass under the form of a bond referendum. Secondly, that the Board should consider whether the community Park is a viable site for a center and could be used under proper controls to meet the watershed restrictions that are being considered for adoption.

Buzz Lloyd, a resident of Chapel Hill and business owner in Carrboro, spoke in favor of a community center, to include a dance floor for middle-aged and older adults.

Rene' Burnette expressed interest in a dance facility for aerobics and dancing with air conditioning to accommodate 150 people.

Spence Dickinson, a resident of the transition area, spoke in favor of a community center which would strengthen families and provide a means for building self-esteem. Mr. Dickinson stated that he is trying to building a community center at Blackwood Station.

Richard Ellington, a resident of 109 Bruton Drive, stated that he does not feel the Town of Carrboro can afford a community center, that the town cannot buy enough land for a community center for \$450,000, that the town should consider charging user fees with a community center is built, that the town should have join in with Carrboro School to increase the size of their facility for use by the town, and would be against a bond referendum to fund a community center.

Peter Hyman spoke in favor of a facility for dancing.

Winston Lancaster, a Carrboro resident, spoke in favor of a large facility room with wooden dance floor and a stage.

Faye Ward, a resident of 105 Fidelity Street, spoke in favor of a dance facility in the community center.

William Bryan, a Carrboro resident, spoke in favor of a community center with a wooden dance floor with good acoustics, along with a facility for martial artists to include large mirrors on the walls. Mr. Bryan also encouraged the use of user fees.

Jan Wynolst, a Carrboro resident, stated that he feels the cost of a community center is too expensive for Carrboro. Sales tax should be used to fund such a facility.

Barbara Grow, a Carrboro homeowner, and President of the Triangle Country Dancers, requested that the community center include a room with a wooden dance floor and stage.

Ben Grantham, a resident of Lindsay Street, spoke against raising taxes for a community center. Mr. Grantham stated that he feels the costs outweigh the benefits.

Ken Horne, a resident of 103 Cobblestone Drive, stated that he was against a tax increase to fund a community center.

Barbara Dewey, a resident of James Street, stated that the school system is currently providing facilities to the town at the maximum extent possible and spoke in favor of providing a library in the community center.

Herman Wilson, a Carrboro resident, stated that he was opposed to a tax increase to fund a community center.

Edna Goodrich, a Carrboro resident, spoke against an additional tax increase to pay for a community center.

Charles Riggsbee, a Carrboro resident, stated that he was opposed to a tax increase, that the current recreation facilities are adequate.

Nils Madsen and Emil Snizek spoke in favor of the town providing a skateboard area at the community center.

Lyle Landsdale, a Carrboro resident, spoke in favor of a community center with a dance floor.

Griffin Graves, a Chapel Hill resident and Carrboro property owner, stated that the youth of the community are the community's most important commodity and stated that adequate recreation facilities should be provided for the town's youth. Mr. Graves stated that the current basketball facilities are very inadequate.

Bob Procter, a Carrboro resident, spoke in favor of a community center with a dance floor and stage. Mr. Procter suggested that user fees be charged.

Dennis Thompson, a Carrboro resident, spoke in favor of a community center.

Nancy White stated that the idea of a community center is great and that she would be willing to pay for a scaled-down version of the proposed facility, but that Carrboro cannot afford the proposed facility.

Mayor Kinnaird stated that the Board had received a letter from Ben Callahan speaking in opposition to a community center, and a letter from Alice Tropman speaking in favor of a community center.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED AS NO ONE ELSE WISHED TO SPEAK.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

It was the consensus of the Board to request the Agenda Planning Committee to schedule a time for the Board to consider the comments received at tonight's public hearing.

ANNUAL REPORT: RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

Doris Murrell, Chair of the Recreation & Parks Commission presented a report on activities of the Recreation and Parks Commission. Ms. Murrell requested that the Board authorize the Recreation & Parks Commission to request the N.C. Recreation and Parks Society's Legislative Committee to consider the state-wide need for a policy on joint use of school facilities.

It was the consensus of the Board to request the town staff to prepare a resolution for the Board's consideration authorizing the Recreation & Parks Commission to request to the N.C. Recreation and Parks Society's Legislative Committee concerning the need for a policy on joint use of school facilities.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TOLL-FREE CALLING PLAN FOR TRIANGLE AREA

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Hilliard Caldwell and duly seconded by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' PROPOSAL FOR TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE IN ORANGE, DURHAM, WAKE AND CHATHAM COUNTIES Resolution No. 38/89-90

WHEREAS, the Triangle J Council of Governments in August of 1987, following a year of study and meetings, passed a resolution calling for the North Carolina Utilities Commission to implement a unified metropolitan local telephone service for Durham, Wake and Orange Counties within a year, and to study the feasibility and means by which the surrounding communities may join this network; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Utilities Commission elected to use their EAS process to measure costs and interest and permitted the local phone companies to run experimental plans for eighteen months, through September, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the rate increase figures for GTE customers were unacceptably high for the full Triangle plan and a modified plan was developed; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is served by four phone companies and six toll exchanges with no EAS among them, while Durham County and most of Wake County have enjoyed county-wide EAS for many, many years; and

WHEREAS, there is strong affinity between Carrboro residents and our neighbors outside Southern Bell's Chapel Hill exchange; and

WHEREAS, cost study data shows that Orange County citizens pay

very much higher monthly tolls on calls to other Triangle exchanges than do our neighbors in other counties.

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

Section 1. The Board supports the modified calling plan proposed by the Triangle J Council of Governments and the rates so proposed by the public staff of the N.C. Utilities Commission as being in the best interests of Carrboro citizens.

Section 2. The Board requests the N.C. Utilities Commission to adopt this plan and these rates for toll-free calling in the Triangle.

Section 3. The Board requests the N.C. Utilities Commission to proceed without delay and with all due speed to implement this plan.

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 20th day of March, 1990:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird, Jacquelyn Gist, Jay Bryan

Noes: Tom Gurganus, Frances Shetley

Absent or Excused: None

REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING/LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT/ STORMWATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES

Mr. Morgan stated that the newspaper had failed to run the required public hearing for the Land Use Ordinance text amendment relating to stormwater drainage facilities, and requested that the Board reschedule the public hearing from March 27, 1990 to April 3, 1990.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 1990. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Sarah C. Williamson
Town Clerk

Eleanor J. Kinnaird
Mayor