A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, December 15, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor Aldermen Eleanor Kinnaird Randy Marshall Tom Gurganus Hilliard Caldwell Frances Shetley Jacquelyn Gist Jay Bryan

Town Manager
Town Clerk
Town Attorney

Robert W. Morgan Sarah C. Williamson Michael B. Brough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY FRANCES SHETLEY AND SECONDED BY TOM GURGANUS THAT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 1992 BE APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kinnaird read proclamations proclaiming December 12th as CPR Rally Day and December 15th as Bill of Rights Day in the Town of Carrboro.

REQUEST TO AMEND LAND USE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO GROUP HOMES

Mr. Ken Prat, a resident of 305 Robert Hunt Drive, presented a petition from residents of Quarter Path Trace and Webbwood requesting that the town's land use ordinance be amended to restrict group homes to no more than one home in a one-half mile radius.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this item to the town staff for review.

PUBLIC HEARING/DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION DISTRICTS

This was a public hearing for the Board of Aldermen and the Neighborhood Preservation District Commission to receive public comment concerning the properties proposed for designation as part of a neighborhood preservation district.

Julia Trevarthen, the town's Senior Planner, presented a map of those properties being considered for inclusion in the Neighborhood Preservation District.

Mayor Kinnaird presented letters from the following individuals speaking in opposition to being included in the Neighborhood Preservation District:

Mrs. Alba Merritt, 107 Center Street
Nellie Lorene Morrison, 500 Oak Avenue
Bill Wright, 107 Poplar Avenue
Tony Hennessey, 401 North Greensboro Street
Mary Lois Morgan, 105 Elm Street and 102 Ashe Street
Nada Ballator, 104 Old Pittsboro Road
Starnes Weaver, Weaver Street

Mayor Kinnaird presented letters from the following individuals speaking in favor of being included in the Neighborhood Preservation District:

Carmen Mayer, 107 Lindsay Street
Rosemarie Herman, 30 Cedar Court
Frances Williams, 102 and 104 Center Street
Hubert Carson, 301 Weaver Street
Michele Rivest, 100 Oak Avenue

Ray Sparrow, a resident of Oak Avenue, spoke in opposition to having his property included in the NPD because he feels these regulations will cause the cost of housing in Carrboro to rise.

Peggy Alston, a resident of 111 Carr Street, spoke in opposition to her property and her mother's property at 109 Carr Street being included in the NPD.

Davis Stillson, a resident of 601 N. Greensboro Street, stated that he feels mill houses are the soul of Carrboro and that many of them will be torn down in the next few years if the neighborhood preservation district is not established.

Charles Riggsbee, a resident of 103 Quail Roost Drive, noted that he had submitted a petition signed by 28.2% of the property owners in the proposed neighborhood preservation district protesting the proposed zoning district change, which will trigger a three-fourths affirmative vote of the Board membership to adopt the proposed neighborhood preservation district zone.

Ray Sparrow asked why his house would be included in the district since it is only 35 years old. He stated that he should not be required to make his house look like a mill house since that is not what it is.

Andy Cohen, a resident of 205 Maple Avenue, read an excerpt from a book documenting these mill houses as historic. Mr. Cohen spoke in favor of the proposed neighborhood preservation district and stated that he feels the proposal is a moderate compromise.

John Dunkle, a resident of 502-C Oak Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed neighborhood preservation district. Mr. Dunkle stated that he feels like the mill houses have a character and charm and they are salvageable. When they are restored properly, they will last a long time. Having these mill houses beside brick duplexes is comfortable. Mr. Dunkle stated that he does not like the bureaucracy involved in waiting 45 days to get a building permit.

Martha Arnold, a resident of 213 Maple Avenue, spoke in favor of the NPD and stated that she appreciates a part of the working class history.

Lyle Landsdale, a resident of 301 E. Poplar, stated that it seems there needs to be a clear dissemination of information to those affected that by this proposed and would be very sorry to see mill houses go.

Arne Gray, owner of six properties in Carrboro, stated that he does not like another layer of bureaucracy to get a building permit, that time translates into money when a builder has to wait. Mr. Gray said that he is in favor of the NPD to encourage preservation of old homes.

Barry Crabtree, a resident of 403 N. Greensboro Street, spoke in opposition to the NPD and suggested that the town provide financial incentive to renovate the old mill houses.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE TOWN CODE RELATING TO THE STORAGE AND COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTES

Chris Peterson, Public Works Director, stated that the administration recommended adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Town Code relating to the storage and collection of solid wastes, yard wastes and extra trash. Mr. Peterson stated that these changes were necessary as a result of the 1989 legislation which prohibits disposal of yard trash in the sanitary disposal area of landfills. Mr. Peterson stated that this legislation becomes effective on January 1, 1993.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY BRYAN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST THAT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CARRBORO TOWN CODE RELATING TO THE STORAGE AND COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTES," BE ADOPTED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ARTCENTER'S PURCHASE OF ITS BUILDING

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jay Bryan and duly seconded by Alderman Randy Marshall.

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ARTCENTER'S PURCHASE OF 300-G EAST MAIN STREET CARRBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27510 Resolution No. 20/92-93

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter is a corporate citizen of the Town of Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter is considered a worthy endeavor and a valuable asset to the cultural and economic life of this community; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter has raised funds from the community to improve their building to provide a theater, a visual arts gallery and classroom space conducive to the arts; and

WHEREAS, The ArtsCenter has always intended to own this building; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the building will relieve a major financial burden from The ArtsCenter.

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

Section 1. The ArtsCenter should own its own building in order to continue to provide service to the community.

Section 2. We desire the long continuation of The ArtsCenter and support The ArtsCenter's wish to purchase 300-G East Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina.

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 15th day of December, 1992:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird,

Frances Shetley, Jacquelyn Gist, Jay Bryan

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO RETIRING CHIEF ROBERT SWIGER

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Hilliard Caldwell and duly seconded by Alderman Tom Gurganus.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE TOWN OF CARRBORO'S APPRECIATION TO RETIRING FIRE CHIEF ROBERT SWIGER Resolution No. 19/92-93

WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire Chief Robert Swiger has announced his retirement as fire chief effective on December 31, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swiger became the first Chief of the Town's first fulltime fire department on April 1, 1974, and has ably served in that capacity since that time; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swiger began his career with the Kinston Fire Department in 1965 and served the citizens of that community until he accepted the position as Carrboro Fire Chief in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swiger is a certified fire service instructor in the North Carolina State Fire Commission, an adjunct faculty instructor at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee for Fire Protection Program, Technical College of

Alamance; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swiger has distinguished himself and the Town by serving three terms as President and three terms as Secretary/Treasurer of the Orange County Fire Chief's Association, by serving as the North Carolina Fire Chief's representative on the North Carolina State Firefighters' Certification Board, and by serving as a representative for the International Fire Chiefs on a committee concerning the updating of sprinkler laws; and

WHEREAS, Chief Swiger has served as the Town of Carrboro's Safety Officer, Emergency Management Coordinator, and as Carrboro's representative on the development of the 911 Center; and

WHEREAS, with diligence and distinction, Chief Swiger has overseen the development of a highly professional fire department that now includes 12 full-time employees, as well as volunteers, and the Town and all of its citizens have benefitted greatly from Chief Swiger's tireless efforts to promote fire safety and the Town's fire fighting capabilities.

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

Section 1. The Board, on behalf of the whole Town of Carrboro, expresses its thanks and appreciation to Chief Swiger for his years of service to the Town and its citizens and the professionalism which he has brought to the Town's fire department.

Section 2. This resolution shall be entered into the Board's official minutes and a copy given to Chief Swiger.

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 15th day of December, 1992:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird,

Frances Shetley, Jacquelyn Gist, Jay Bryan

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY BRYAN AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:47 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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Town Clerk