

A special meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Hank Anderson
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Diana McDuffee
	Allen Spalt
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Alderman	Hilliard Caldwell
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

WORKSESSION/SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Mayor Nelson stated that there are four items in the 13-point benefits package that all governments have not agreed to: Benefit #1, 11, 12 and 13.

The Board made the following comments on a letter dated February 20, 1998 from the Chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners concerning proposed community benefits to the neighborhoods around the Eubanks Road Landfill:

Benefit #1 – Water/Sewer Extensions – Potential Approaches, Cost Allocation, and Other Issues

SEWER

The Board reconfirms its willingness to compromise on the issue of sewer connections. However, the Board believes that the three governments, under the leadership of the County, should explore the possibility of extending sewer lines to the historic Rogers Road community. Options such as CDBG funds or a bond referendum could be explored. (Question A-1)

WATER

The Board reconfirms its position that installation of water lines serves as insurance in terms of future potential litigation. (Question A-2) Because of this, our attorney advises us that tipping fees (Question A-4) could be used for community benefits, including water extensions. We are interested in keeping all options open at this time, including CDBG and a bond referendum. It is our opinion that the county government, which represents all taxpayers, should take the lead on this. (Question C)

With regard to the area to be served with water, the Board concurs with the County that the historic Rogers Road neighborhood should be included in any benefit related to water quality. (Question B)

In addition, the Board feels that water lines should be extended to those residences in the Millhouse Road neighborhood that were constructed prior to 1972. Millhouse Road residents are in closest proximity to the landfill of any residents considered. Neighbors have suffered significant degradation of quality of life for an extended period of time as a result of living in close proximity to activities associated with a public enterprise in the form of the Orange County landfill for over 25 years. It should be recognized that this action is a specific remedy to correct this unique hardship to residents who have specifically suffered and to insure these residents against potential health hazards resulting from past, present and future landfill-associated activities.

The Board believes that, because this neighborhood is downhill from the landfill and because contaminants have been found already in one well, an exception should be made. However, in order to protect the integrity of the rural buffer, which we care deeply about, the water lines should be carefully sized to serve only the residents intended.

The Board would not support a survey to ascertain which residents could benefit from the installation of water filtration systems.

Benefit #2 – Financial Assistance for Water and Sewer Connections

The Board is interested in exploring reduction in fees, fee waivers and alternative funding sources as a means of addressing financial assistance for water quality improvements, if legal.

The Board feels that main water lines should be paid for with as yet undetermined funds. Acreage/facility fees and plumbing connections might be paid for, based on need, with CDBG funds, bonds, etc. The Board would like to do whatever possible to facilitate use of the water lines.

Benefit #11 – Activities Related to Planning Boundaries

The Board will work with the Town of Chapel Hill in redefining the Carrboro and Chapel Hill transition areas.

Benefit #12 – Post-Closure Use of the Landfill

The Board agrees that it is not prudent to construct a recreation facility on a closed landfill.

The Board agrees with the most recent position of the LOG that the Greene Tract not be used for:

- Construction and demolition landfill
- Mixed solid waste landfill
- Materials recovery facility
- Transfer station

The Board will have proposals in the future addressing where these facilities could be located following a thorough Board discussion of this matter.

Benefit #13 – Expansion of Landfill

The Board does not support expanding the current landfill by purchasing land for landfilling activities, but the Board is open to purchasing land for other solid waste activities.

Other Solid Waste Issues

The Board does not want to close the door on a new landfill siting process, and would like to keep that option at this time. We would like to extend the life of the existing landfill by shipping some waste and exploring options to reduce waste flow.

The Board would not be interest in conducting additional testing of wells in the vicinity of the landfill at this time.

LANDFILL BUDGET FOR 1998-99

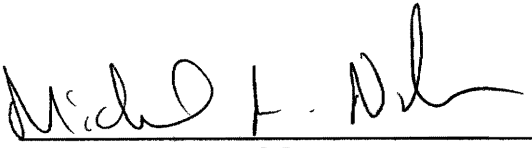
Mr. Morgan suggested that this matter be discussed by the Board at its meeting on April 21st.

The Board agreed to discuss this matter on April 21st.

Gayle Wilson suggested that the Board request that the LOG include funding for Carrboro's collection band study on its add on list.

Mayor Nelson asked why Chatham County doesn't have a construction and demolition landfill, the pros and cons of having a construction and demolition landfill, and alternative private facilities.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HANK ANDERSON AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADJOURN AT 10:00 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL


 Mayor