

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Hilliard Caldwell
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Diana McDuffee
	Allen Spalt
	Alex Zaffron
Asst. Town Manager	Bing Roenigk
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

Absent:

Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan

**TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES**

Jeffrey Hoffman, a Carrboro resident and President of Webslingers, expressed his interest in working with the town in attracting and retaining technology companies in Carrboro.

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**DRAINAGE PROBLEMS/215 COBBLESTONE DRIVE**

Jim Yarger, a resident of 215 Cobblestone Drive, asked for the town's assistance in correcting a drainage problem on his property.

The Board requested that the town staff prepare a chronological report on the drainage problems in the vicinity of 215 Cobblestone Drive, including information on how funds allocated to correct this drainage problem were disbursed.

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**FUND-RAISING EFFORT TO PURCHASE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA**

Carl Freeman, a member of the Carrboro Fire Department, asked for the Board's support in the department's efforts to raise funds for the purchase of a thermal-imaging camera. Mr. Freeman stated that the camera would aid firemen in doing their jobs in locating victims.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT TO SUPPORT AND ENDORSE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT TO SECURE A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA AND THAT THE TOWN ASSIST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE PURCHASE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.  
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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## **ON-STREET PARKING**

Sharon Park, a resident of 104 Pine Street, asked that the town investigate whether on street parking is allowed on Cheek Street, Pine Street, Lindsay Street. Ms. Clark expressed concern about children having to go into these streets to get around parked cars.

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## **REQUEST TO LOWER THE TOWN'S FLAGS**

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO REQUEST THAT THE TOWN'S FLAGS BE LOWERED TO HALF MAST THROUGH THIS WEEKEND IN HONOR OF THE SLAIN ENFIELD POLICE OFFICER AND THAT THE POLICE CHIEF NOTIFY THE ENFIELD CHIEF OF THE BOARD'S ACTION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MARCH 9, 1999**

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 1999 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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## **WORKSESSION/LONG-RANGE PLANNING STRATEGIES**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen identified several long range planning processes at their annual planning retreat in January:

- Millennium Projects
- Vision 2020 process
- Downtown Economic Development Workshop
- Incubator plan to develop information technology industries

The purpose of this item was to allow the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss these four projects in more depth.

### **Downtown Economic Development Workshop**

James Harris, the town's Community and Economic Development Director, introduced James Morgan, the Chair of the Downtown Development Commission.

James Morgan, Chair of the Downtown Development Commission, presented a proposal for a long-term vision for Downtown Carrboro. Mr. Morgan suggested that community charettes be held to develop a preliminary vision for the downtown. Mr. Morgan stated that they would like to look at new business opportunities, entertainment and the arts, technology and economic development, needs for existing businesses, walkability, transportation and access, environmental quality and sustainability, quality of the issues, and responsible management of resources.

Alderman Gist suggested that the Downtown Development Commission go hand in hand with the Shaping Orange County Task Force in the visioning process for the downtown.

Alderman McDuffee asked what the Board of Aldermen's role would be in the visioning process for the downtown.

Mr. Morgan stated that a steering committee would be established which would comprise of members from town boards to develop proposals.

Alderman Spalt asked for a specific budget for the visioning project.

Mr. Morgan stated that a budget would be provided at a later date, the current request is for conceptual approval from the Board.

Alderman Broun stated that we need to decide what type of businesses we want in Carrboro, how the town can support the infrastructure and expand the commercial base.

Mayor Nelson stated that the core of the visioning project is very good, suggested that the 2000 T.F. Force needs to be updated.

Rebecca Carnes, owner of Fireplace Additions, and secretary of Carrboro Business Association, stated that there are several businesses in Carrboro that are rapidly growing out of their small facilities. Larger more attractive facilities are needed for these businesses to expand and grow. Ms. Carnes stated that current town policies and plans do not speak specifically to improvements to the downtown. Mr. Carnes stated that none of the members of the Carrboro Business Association are represented in the Shaping Orange County's Future Task Force.

Amy Singleton, a member of the Downtown Development Commission, asked that the Board consider the Downtown Development Commission's request.

#### Vision 2020 Process and Economic Development

Mayor Nelson suggested that the town update the Year 2000 Task Force Policies.

Alderman McDuffee suggested that the downtown visioning process could be a part of this update. Alderman McDuffee suggested that the 2000 be the umbrella.

Alderman Broun requested that the town staff prepare a timeline and process for the 2020 Vision Process.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL NELSON AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT THAT THE TOWN STAFF PREPARE A TIMELINE AND PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020 PROCESS, TO INCLUDE ALDERMAN MCDUFFEE'S PROPOSAL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PROPOSAL FOR A DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN. IN ADDITION, THAT THE TOWN STAFF IDENTIFY PROJECT SCOPES AND ASSOCIATED BUDGETS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

#### Millennium Bond Proposal

Mayor Nelson suggested that the town fund a large project for Year 2000 and another large project in Year 2011 to celebrate the town's 100th birthday. In the intervening years, the town would pursue one project each year. Mayor Nelson reviewed a suggested process to include a community brainstorming session, and appointment of a steering committee to narrow the list to 12 projects, develop a funding strategy, and make a

proposal to the full Board, the proposal would be taken to public hearing, and then citizens would given an opportunity to vote on the Millennium Bond in November.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL NELSON AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO SUPPORT THE MILLENNIUM BOND PROPOSAL AND THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE REFERRED TO THE TOWN STAFF FOR IMPLEMENTATION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE

Mayor Nelson and Alderman Broun volunteered to serve on the steering committee. The Board requested that the town staff advertise for the citizen members to serve on the committee.

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**UPDATE ON SCHOOL AND LAND USE COUNCIL MEETING**

Alderman Spalt gave an update on last week’s meeting of the Schools and Land Use Council.

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**COURTESY REVIEW/TOWN COMMONS/FARMERS’ MARKET SIGN**

Alderman Broun asked that the Appearance Commission be allowed a courtesy review of the proposed sign for the Town Commons/Farmers’ Market.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Appearance Commission to review the sign.

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**UPDATE ON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Alderman McDuffee gave an update on the work of the Airport Advisory Committee

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MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:05 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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Mayor

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Town Clerk