

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 05, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

PRESENT AND PRESIDING:

<i>MAYOR</i>	Michael R. Nelson
<i>ALDERMEN</i>	Joal Hall Broun
	Hilliard Caldwell
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Diana McDuffee
	Allen Spalt
	Alex Zaffron
<i>TOWN MANAGER</i>	Robert W. Morgan
<i>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK</i>	James E. Spivey
<i>TOWN ATTORNEY</i>	Michael B. Brough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Caldwell requested that the Minutes reflect his total support of the Board's action taken at the last meeting in conveying condolence to the Crabtree and Langford families.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 28, 1999 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

BRICKS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Robert Morgan informed the Board that he had samples of the bricks that can be used at the Community Center and had requested that the Design Review Committee inspect them. Mr. Morgan stated that an answer is needed soon as to whether or not the bricks are acceptable.

COURT DECISION

Michael Brough informed the Board that the Court System had ruled that the Town was within its legal rights not to release personnel records.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Alderman Gist requested that staff investigate the option of providing health insurance coverage for Board members.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

Alderman Gist suggested that the Town of Carrboro adopt a resolution to recognize the contributions made by the Hispanic citizens to the community. Alderman Gist's suggestion to the Board is in response to a letter written by the Chatham County Commissioners.

ADOPT A HURRICANE FLOYD IMPACTED TOWN

Alderman Gist suggested that a sub-committee of the Board be established to consider the possibility of the Town adopting a town located in eastern North Carolina that was devastated by Hurricane Floyd. The proposed sub-committee would develop strategies of how to execute the adoption, i.e., jointly with Chapel Hill; what would the Town contribute – fire truck, financial assistance, human assistance with the clean-up, etc. The towns of Tarrboro, Princeville, and Lewisville were proposed for consideration.

Aldermen Broun and Gist volunteered to serve on the sub-committee to consider this matter. Mayor Nelson stated that he would attend the sub-committee meeting if his schedule permitted.

REPORT OF SOCCER MEETING

Alderman McDuffee made a report to the Board regarding a meeting she, Alderman Spalt, Richard Kinney, and representatives from the Carolina United and the Strickers soccer teams had attended. Alderman McDuffee stated that there is a major need for soccer fields in Orange County. She stated that the representatives wanted to know when would it be appropriate to make requests for assistance in getting soccer fields in Carrboro. She informed the Board that the representative voiced their commitment to assisting in securing lights and irrigation for the fields at Smith Middle School and in doing so, they would need to have access to the fields.

By consensus, the Board requested that Alderman McDuffee write a letter for the Mayor's signature to the County Commissioners regarding this matter.

SCHOOL BUS STOPS

Alderman Zaffron stated that the September 28, 1999 Minutes should reflect that he also requested that staff contact school officials regarding school bus routing and where children are picked-up. Alderman Zaffron also stated that he would distribute, to Board members and to staff, a copy of the email from Ms. Hayes regarding this matter.

EXHIBIT AT CARRBORO TOWN HALL

Mayor Nelson informed the Board that Lydia Sigmund's "Porches By The Mill" will be on exhibit at Carrboro Town Hall October 10 – 29, 1999. A reception will be held on October 10, 1999 from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

MUSIC INDUSTRY LUNCHEON

Mayor Nelson informed the Board that a meeting had taken place with representatives of the music industry, staff, and him. He stated that it was a very productive meeting. Mayor Nelson stated that the representatives voiced concern of restrictive zoning issues, specifically, parking space requirements, in the Land Use Ordinance. He also stated that staff is preparing a report for Board review.

By consensus, the Board directed that staff establish a small subcommittee, consisting of zoning staff and representatives from the local music industry, to develop suggestions for Board consideration regarding this matter. Additionally, staff was directed to contact other cities that have rehearsal studios to ascertain how their zoning ordinances addressed this use.

ELECTRONIC DOG FENCES

Alderman Spalt reminded the Board of a citizen's written concern received by the Board, in August, regarding the use of electronic dog fences. Alderman Spalt voiced interest in knowing whether there are ordinances that regulate electronic dog fences.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN GO INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

Michael R. Nelson, *Mayor*

James E. Spivey, *Deputy Town Clerk*