

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Mark Dorosin
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Diana McDuffee
	Allen Spalt
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 16, 2001 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MID-DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY ACTIVE PROJECTS REPORT

The Zoning Division is responsible for preparing a monthly report outlining the construction activities of various projects of interest within the Town of Carrboro's jurisdiction. The report for the period December 16, 2000 – January 15, 2001 was presented for the Board's review.

Chris Murphy, the town's Development Review Administrator, answered the Board's questions.

PUBLIC HEARING/HOUSING NEEDS IN THE TOWN OF CARRBORO

The purpose of this item was to hold a public hearing to receive public comments on housing needs in the Town of Carrboro for inclusion in the 2001 Community Development Block Grant application.

James Harris, the town's Community and Economic Development Director, made the staff presentation.

Chris Moran, with the Interfaith Council, presented an information packet on affordable housing needs. Mr. Moran stated that there is a crying need for affordable housing, which amounts to only 30% of an individual's income. Mr. Moran asked for the town's continued participation with the Continuum of Care Committee, asked that the town play a significant role in persuading businesses, taxpayers and governmental groups to become more committed to all those who are affected by the lack of affordable and available housing in the community.

Catherine Johnson, a resident of 104 Bert Street, asked whether Bert Street could be paved. Ms. Johnson stated that she also had home improvements that need to be made.

Christine Westfall, with Orange Community Housing and a member of the Orange County Affordable Housing Task Force, stated that very few affordable homes are being constructed. Ms. Westfall stated that rents are also very high. Ms. Westfall also stated that it might be possible for Orange Community Housing to purchase

additional units at Abbey Court to provide additional rental units. Ms. Westfall stated that there are currently 100 vacant units at Abbey Court.

Harvey Reid, a resident of Carr Court stated that his rehabilitated home is having plumbing problems. Mr. Reid stated that there are other homes in the neighborhood that are experiencing plumbing problems and asked that the town consider the Carr Court neighborhood as a community development project.

Mayor Nelson asked that the town staff and Alderman Broun work with OWASA to resolve the plumbing issues raised by Mr. Reid.

Alderman McDuffee asked that previous requests from the Carr Court Neighborhood be researched in the minutes that might be included in the 2001 CDBG application.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman Allen Spalt.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
HOUSING NEEDS IN THE TOWN OF CARRBORO
Resolution No. 92/2000-2001

WHEREAS, the town staff is planning to prepare an application for 2001 CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has expressed a desire to have staff solicit public comments on housing needs in the Town of Carrboro prior to the identification of a target area and prior to the preparation of a grant application; and

WHEREAS, Section .1002 of Subsection 19L of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program requires that a public hearing be held by the governing body to receive public comments on housing needs in the jurisdiction; and

NOW THEREFORE THE CARRBORO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN RESOLVES:

Section 1. That a public hearing was held on January 23, 2001 to receive public comment from non-profits and citizens on housing needs in the Town of Carrboro and that staff is directed to take the comments into consideration when preparing the 2001 CDBG application.

Section 2. The town staff is directed to respond in writing to all written comments within ten calendar days of receipt of comments by the town.

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 23rd day of January, 2001:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Dorosin, Diana McDuffee, Jacquelyn Gist, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

REPORT: HILLSBOROUGH ROAD PARK CONNECTOR ROAD

The Hillsborough Road Neighborhood Park Design Committee requested clarification on whether the connector road will be constructed through the park property and adjacent property and, if so, clarification of the design and location of the road. A staff review on this matter was presented. A resolution that specifies that the connector road is to be included among the features that will be placed on the Hillsborough Road park property was recommended for the Board's approval.

Trish McGuire, the town's Planning Administrator, made the staff presentation.

Susan Stone stated that a connector road would be a major feature of this park. Ms. Stone stated her concern that the neighborhood felt that when this property was developed, that it would be a residential development--not a park. Ms. Stone asked that the Board consider having a public hearing on whether to put the road through the park.

Richard Ellington stated that the proposed alignment does not make sense. Mr. Ellington proposed that the road be aligned along the northwest side of the property.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Allen Spalt and duly seconded by Alderman Alex Zaffron.

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THAT A CONNECTOR ROAD IS TO BE INCORPORATED
INTO THE DESIGN OF THE HILLSBOROUGH ROAD PARK
Resolution No. 93/2000-2001

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has adopted a Connector Roads Policy, and,

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Road park property purchased by the Town in 1999, has been designated since 1986 as the location of the Tripp Farm Road connector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen approves the inclusion of facilities to accommodate cars, pedestrians, and bicycles that satisfy the town's connectivity policy among the features to be planned for the Hillsborough Road park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen hereby establish a subcommittee of the following Board members (Allen Spalt, Mike Nelson, and Alex Zaffron) and two at-large citizens to meet with Sungate Design Group and recommend options for design and alignment of the proposed facilities for consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 23rd day of January, 2001:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Dorosin, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: Jacquelyn Gist

Absent or Excused: None

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PAY AND CLASSIFICATION SERVICES

The purpose of this item was to award a contract to Springsted, Inc. (formerly Municipal Advisors, Inc.) to perform the following pay and classification services for the Town of Carrboro:

- Conduct a market study of all Town positions;
- Evaluate any positions that have experienced a significant change in duties and/or responsibilities as recommended by Town department heads.

Desiree White, the town's Personnel Director, made the staff presentation.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Allen Spalt and duly seconded by Alderman Mark Dorosin.

A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR
PAY AND CLASSIFICATION SERVICES TO SPRINGSTED, INC.
Resolution No. 95/2000-2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro is committed to providing competitive salary and benefits to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that conducting a market study of Town positions every two years and annually reviewing positions that have had a significant change in duties and responsibilities will assist in remaining competitive.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN awards the contract to conduct pay and classification services to Springsted, Inc. at the quoted price of \$9,500.00.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 23rd day of January, 2001:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Dorosin, Diana McDuffee, Jacquelyn Gist, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 4-5 PLANNING RETREAT

The Retreat Planning Committee has developed an agenda for the February 4 -5, 2001 Planning Retreat. The Committee requested that the Board approve the proposed agenda.

It was the consensus of the Board to request that the agenda be amended to set aside time at the beginning of the retreat to discuss Board process items.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FEBRUARY 4 AND 5, 2001
PLANNING RETREAT AGENDA
Resolution No. 94/2000-2001

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approve the proposed agenda for the February 4 and 5, 2001 Board of Aldermen Planning Retreat, with the inclusion of time at the beginning of retreat to discuss Board process items.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 23rd day of January, 2001:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Dorosin, Diana McDuffee, Jacquelyn Gist, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING DATE

The Town Clerk stated that the Orange County Board of Commissioners was attempting to reschedule the January 29th Assembly of Governments meeting to discuss the Shaping Orange County's Future Report. The Commissioners suggested the following dates for that meeting: April 10th, April 19th, or April 26th.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY MARK DOROSIN TO REQUEST THAT THIS MEETING BE RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19TH. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

APPOINTMENT TO ORANGE COUNTY CAPITAL NEEDS TASK FORCE

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK DOROSIN AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO APPOINT ALDERMAN ALLEN SPALT TO SERVE AS CARRBORO'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ORANGE COUNTY CAPITAL NEEDS TASK FORCE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

COMMENDATION

Alderman Zaffron commended the police department on the quick arrest of the suspect in the recent assaults.

REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF THE FUND BALANCE

Alderman Broun requested a status report on the town's fund balance.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF UNC STUDENT GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FARE-FREE BUS SERVICE TO UNC STUDENTS

Alderman McDuffee requested that the Board consider supporting the UNC Student Government's proposal to provide fare-free bus service to UNC students.

It was the consensus of the Board to request that Alderman McDuffee prepare a resolution for the Board's consideration at the Planning Retreat supporting the Student Government's February 13th referendum to raise tuition to provide fare-free bus service for students.

APPOINTMENT TO SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Mayor Nelson requested that the Board make an appointment to the Sister Cities Committee.

Alderman Broun requested to know whether the Carrboro representative has to be a member of the Board of Aldermen.

SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD

Mr. Morgan reported that the town's share for the construction of the soccer field at Smith Middle School will be \$41,500. Mr. Morgan stated that this expenditure will be included in the 2001-02 budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY MARK DOROSIN TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk