

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Mark Dorosin
	Jacquelyn Gist
	John Herrera
	Diana McDuffee
	Alex Zaffron
Asst. Town Manager	L. Bingham Roenigk
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

Absent:

Alderman	Joal Hall Broun
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (BROUN)

A REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON A STREET CLOSING REQUEST

The Pine Street Homeowners' Committee submitted a Street Closing Permit Application for the temporary closing of Pine Street from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm on Saturday, October 26, 2002 to accommodate the Pine Street Block Party. In accordance with Section 7-19 of the Town Code, a public hearing must be held to receive public input prior to issuing a Street Closing Permit. The administration requested that a public hearing be set for October 15, 2002.

[This application was withdrawn.]

APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

The Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended that Salli Benedict be appointed to one of the vacant seats on the Recreation and Parks Commission. It was recommended that the Board consider adopting a resolution making this appointment.

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

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION Resolution No. 23/2002-03

WHEREAS, there are two vacant seats on the Recreation and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Salli Benedict has applied for a seat; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Benedict's application was reviewed by the Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission and she is recommending Ms. Benedict's appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby appoint Salli Benedict to a seat on the Recreation and Parks Commission. Ms. Benedict's term shall expire in February 2004.

Section 2. 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 1st day of October, 2002:

Ayes: Mark Dorosin, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

A REQUEST FOR A MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Jack Rouviere, representing AT&T, has applied for a minor modification to the BellSouth Telecommunications Tower conditional use permit located at 625 Old Fayetteville Road. The BellSouth Telecommunications Tower CUP was last amended on May 22, 2001 to allow installation of additional antenna to the tower as well as to install equipment within existing building on the site. The proposed minor modification consists of adding a new antenna to the tower as well as installing equipment within the existing fenced in area at the base of the tower. Per Section 15-176 (15) of the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), additional antenna arrays located on existing towers must be approved through the minor modification process. The Administration requested that the Board of Aldermen review the request and make a decision regarding the minor modification.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR MODIFICATION TO THE CUP FOR THE
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER LOCATED AT 625 OLD FAYETTEVILLE ROAD
ALLOWING AT&T TO LOCATE AN ANTENNA ON THE TOWER AND INSTALL ADDITIONAL
EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE FENCED IN AREA AT THE BASE OF THE TOWER
Resolution No. 28/2002-03

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved a Conditional Use Permit for a telecommunications tower at 625 Old Fayetteville Road on February 9, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro Land Use Ordinance requires that additional users on a tower shall constitute a minor modification to the original Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the applicant has satisfied the requirements related to minor modifications for towers contained in the Land Use Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the minor modification to the BellSouth Telecommunication Tower conditional use permit located at 625 Old Fayetteville Road allowing AT&T to install an antenna on the tower and install additional equipment within the fenced in area at the base of the tower be approved.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 1st day of October, 2002:

Ayes: Mark Dorosin, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

A REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING: VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PHASE 10 OF LAKE HOGAN FARMS SUBDIVISION

The purpose of this item was to accept a petition for the voluntary annexation of Phase 10 of the Lake Hogan Farms Subdivision and to set a public hearing for October 15, 2002.

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

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER THE ANNEXATION OF
PHASE 10 OF LAKE HOGAN FARMS SUBDIVISION
UPON THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS
Resolution No.36/2002-03

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has received petitions from the owners of Phase 10 of the Lake Hogan Farms Subdivision requesting that their property be annexed into the Town of Carrboro; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has certified that the petitions requesting the annexation of this property are sufficient in all respects under G.S. 160A-31.

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

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby accepts these petitions and shall hold a public hearing on October 15, 2002 to consider the voluntary annexation of this property.

Section 2. The Town Clerk shall cause a notice of this public hearing to be published once in The Chapel Hill Herald at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing.

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 1st day of October, 2002:

Ayes: Mark Dorosin, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

A REPORT ON THE CITIZEN SURVEY MEASURING THE QUALITY OF TOWN SERVICES

In the previous year, the Town implemented an on-line survey to gauge citizen satisfaction with the overall direction of the Town and town services. Town staff, with assistance from the Institute of Government, refined this survey to assess citizen satisfaction with town services. This agenda serves as a report to the Board on the efforts of this survey and its intended results.

Shannon Schelin, with the Institute of Government, made the presentation

Alderman Gist requested that space be left for comments after each question and at the end of the survey.

Alderman Zaffron requested that the sampling group be doubled.

Alderman McDuffee requested that the cover letter be written in such a way to encourage return of the surveys.

Mayor Nelson requested that a question be added indicating whether citizens are renters.

Alderman Dorosin asked that race relations be added to Question #2.

Alderman Herrera volunteered to check the Spanish version of the questionnaire.

Alderman Zaffron recommended that the cover letter include an explanation for asking about demographics.

HOMESTEAD ROAD – REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE CROSS SECTIONS

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has analyzed five alternative cross-sections for the proposed modifications to Homestead Road between High School Road and Airport Road. NCDOT has requested that the Town of Carrboro indicate its preferred alternative(s). In addition, NCDOT has requested that the Town indicate whether roundabouts should be considered at major intersections along the corridor.

Dale McKeel, the town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation.

Chris van Hasselt, Chair of the TAB, stated that the TAB recommended Alternative 1 because Alternative 5 would allow less left turns and could result in more rear end accidents. Alternative 1 would cost less and would not prohibit installation of medians in the future. The TAB would be interested in seeing roundabouts as an option and would encourage NCDOT to consider them.

Alena Calimanus, a resident of Camden Lane, asked that the discussion of roundabouts at the Homestead/High School Road be tabled and encouraged the installation of a traffic signal at that location. She stated that there are traffic problems at High School and Seawell School Roads in the mornings and afternoons. Turning lanes are needed at both of these intersections. She spoke against using a median and stated that more students would probably bike to school if bike lanes were available.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman Diana McDuffee.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO HOMESTEAD ROAD BETWEEN
HIGH SCHOOL ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD
Resolution No. 27/2002-03

WHEREAS, the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has analyzed five different cross-sections for the proposed modifications to Homestead Road between High School Road and Airport Road (NC 86), TIP Project U-2805, and has requested that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen provide comments on the analyzed alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desire to modify Homestead Road to safely and effectively accommodate existing and future pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the adopted *Carrboro Vision 2020* plan states that “As a general policy, established roads should be widened to accommodate bike lanes and sidewalks, but not to provide additional lanes for automobiles;” and

WHEREAS, the adopted *Northern Study Area Plan* states that the Town should adopt a policy to encourage shifting rights of way to save distinctive features of the landscape (such as a line of shade trees) wherever feasible and stresses the need to maintain the scenic character of roadways in the Northern Study Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen have reviewed the analysis prepared by NCDOT staff and provides the following comments on the proposed modifications to Homestead Road between High School Road and Airport Road:

1. The preferred alternative is Alternative 1- a three-lane curb and gutter facility with bicycle lanes and sidewalks.
2. There should be further analysis of a three-lane facility without curb and gutter, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks placed outside the ditches on both sides of the roadway, if it can be shown to provide significant water quality benefits.
3. There should also be an analysis of a “North Greensboro Street cross-section,” two lanes with bike lanes, curb and gutter, with turning lanes at intersections.
4. The final design should incorporate the principles of Context-Sensitive Design so as to minimize disturbance of adjacent properties, preserve distinctive features of the landscape wherever feasible, and maintain the scenic character of the roadway.
5. Where appropriate, the final design should incorporate innovative traffic management features such as roundabouts and traffic calming features.
6. The final design should include transit stops/pull offs as coordinated with Chapel Hill Transit.
7. The final design should consider ways to mitigate the visual impact of existing overhead utility lines, such as burying lines or consolidating lines on one side of the road.

8. The final design of pedestrian crosswalks should consider the use of median refuge islands and the use of textured and colored pavement materials.
9. If the selected alternative includes curb and gutter, the final design should consider increasing the width of the planting strip between the curb and sidewalk and including shade trees and other plantings within this area.
10. That NCDOT consider lowering the speed limit to 35 mph and consider the addition of right turn lanes at the Seawell School Road and High School Road intersections.
11. A Citizen's Informational Workshop should be held for this project as soon as possible, so that interested citizens and town representatives can learn more about the project and discuss possible improvement opportunities with NCDOT staff.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 1st day of October, 2002:

Ayes: Mark Dorosin, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

STATUS REPORT ON THE 2025 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization is currently updating the long-range transportation plan for the region. This memorandum provides a review of the status of the 2025 Transportation Plan. The Board of Aldermen was asked to review and comment on the plan.

Dale McKeel, the town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation.

The Board authorized Alderman Zaffron to suggest that TAC consider extending the fixed guideway from 54 Bypass to the high-density corridor.

Alderman Herrera requested information on the projected population for Carrboro in 2025.

James Carnahan stated that the Sierra Club Transportation Campaign had reviewed this plan and suggested that the transit corridor be extended through town. He also asked that consideration be given to extending the fixed guideway corridor to the N.C. Railroad connecting Carrboro and Chapel Hill to areas to the north and east.

The Board requested a map indicating connector roads that cross Bolin Creek

Alderman Zaffron requested that the town staff review comments made by James Carnahan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK DOROSIN AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:25 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (BROUN)

Mayor

Town Clerk