

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 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
	John Herrera
	Diana McDuffee
	Alex Zaffron
Interim Town Manager/	Michael B. Brough
Town Attorney	
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Frank Papa, owner of Fido, a new pet supply store in Carrboro, asked that the town offer support to small businesses in downtown.

REQUEST TO RESCIND FRENCH TRADE MONTH PROCLAMATION

John Matthews asked the Board to consider rescinding the resolution proclaiming April as French Trade Month.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE U. S. ARMED FORCES

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES Resolution No. 132/2002-03

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has adopted resolutions commenting on the Administration's policy toward Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has made its decision on this policy, resulting in the commencement of hostilities; and

WHEREAS, the members of the United States Armed Forces are charged with carrying out the orders of the Commander-In-Chief to achieve the policy objectives of the United States.

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

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen expresses its full support and gratitude to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who are now in harm's way for their courage, dedication and service to their country.

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen enjoin the Administration to provide the men and women of the United States Armed Forces with the resources and direction they need to complete their assigned mission as swiftly as possible to minimize loss of life and restore peace to the region.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 25th day of March, 2003:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2003 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MID-FEBRUARY THROUGH MID-MARCH ACTIVE PROJECTS REPORT

The Zoning Division of the Town of Carrboro 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 of February 16, 2003 through March 15, 2003 was presented.

A REQUEST TO NAME THE WILSON PARK PLAYGROUND IN HONOR OF JOHN BOONE

The Recreation and Parks Commission requested the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider naming the new play structure at Wilson Park in honor of Mr. John Boone.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman John Herrera.

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT
WILSON PARK IN HONOR OF JOHN BOONE
Resolution No. 127/2002-03

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Commission has requested that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consider naming the Wilson Park playground in honor of Mr. John Boone, a community resident, and former member of the Board of Aldermen and the Recreation and Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen agree that this facility should be named in honor of Mr. Boone.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVE:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the town staff to approach the Boone family with this request.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves the naming of the playground if the Boone Family agrees to the naming request.

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 25th day of March, 2003:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

PUBLIC HEARING/CONTINUATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING: LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT RELATED TO BUILDING HEIGHTS

A public hearing on Land Use Ordinance amendments related to building height, sidewalk widths, and recreation facilities requirements in downtown zoning districts was held on February 4, 2003. Several provisions have been added to the draft ordinance as directed by the Board of Aldermen in follow-up to comments made during the public hearing. Other information has been compiled per the Board's direction as well.

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

Ellie Kinnaird gave a history of Carrboro and spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Ruffin Slater, a resident of 132 Circadian Way and general manager of Weaver Street Market, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. He urged the Board to ensure that the new downtown is used by all residents.

Vjay Shah, with Carrboro Plaza management, spoke in support of increased building heights.

Frances Shetley, a resident of 1132 Hillsborough Road, spoke in support of increased building heights.

Laura Van Sant, with Main Street Partners, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Michele Rivest, a resident of 100 Oak Avenue, stated that she does not feel the Oak Avenue neighborhood is very well protected by the proposed ordinance, supports two stories, asked for more than 10-foot setbacks, and urged the Board to rethink the zoning districts. She stated that she does not feel like that five story buildings should be allowed in the entire B-2 zoning district.

Blan Holman, a resident of 200 E. Carr Street, submitted a petition containing the names of 277 residents opposing the construction of five or six story buildings. He stated that the charette did not show a clear mandate for five story buildings. He pointed out that the buildings could be moved closer to the street if the top floor is residential. He stated that there is a lot of room for density under the current ordinance. Why do this now? He expressed concern about the number of tall buildings that could be constructed in the B-2 zoning district. He suggested offering bonuses for affordable housing.

Marty Mandell, a resident of 116 Pine Street, stated that of the 226 attending the downtown charette, only 64 were Carrboro residents. She stated that she does not feel the charette gave a mandate for four or five story

buildings. She stated that the Board should be concentrating on something other than four or five story buildings.

Shirley Marshall, a resident of 205-D N. Poplar Avenue, stated that the Vision 2020 report calls for doubling the commercial space in the downtown, to accommodate the additional square footage by building up--not out, and increase the density of commercial property. She spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Jack Haggerty, a resident of 401 Oak Avenue, requested that the proposed ordinance be changed from five stories to four and four stories to three throughout the ordinance; feels the right-of-way width should be consistent; spoke in support of Alternative Two to section (3)(b); feels five stories is too much at the street; requested that sections (a)(3)(h)(5) and (6) be deleted. He stated that he is in favor of greater density and infill in the downtown, but the proposed ordinance is not the only way to achieve those goals.

James Carnahan, a resident of 122 Oak Street, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. He stated that he feels that increased density in the form of taller buildings is an indispensable tool for reducing the footprint for future growth. With five floors, 50% more space can be achieved, with more tax revenues.

Martha Arnold, a resident of 213 Maple Avenue, recommended that Section 1(a)(3) be changed to protect millhouses located on 20-foot streets, requested that the historic area protections be adopted, but requested that the language "additional building height per se shall not be rounds for a finding that a project is not in harmony with the area in which it is to be located."

Mitch Virchick, a resident of Maple Avenue, feels the Board should concentrate on infrastructure.

Ellen Virchick, a resident of Maple Avenue, spoke in support of three stories instead of five stories.

Stacy Smith, a Carrboro resident, feels the Board should tackle this issue now, and stated that she feels there will be citizen and Board oversight for any development proposed under the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

Bobby Stanford, a Carrboro resident, suggested the Board proceed with caution and keep the building height at three stories. She stated that she feels five story buildings will be out of character with existing buildings.

Virginia Knapp, with the Chamber of Commerce, feels taller buildings will allow for smart growth.

Jeff Rubish feels five story buildings will be out of character with the Town, is concerned about parking required by the taller buildings, and supports three story buildings.

Lyle Landsdale, a resident of Poplar Street, spoke in support of a three-story limit.

Dick Bircher, a resident of Maple Avenue, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

Ashley Stanford, a resident of 1800 N. Greensboro Street, spoke against the proposed ordinance, but stated that he could live with three stories.

Chuck Morton, a resident of Laurel Avenue, pointed out that there are not very many lots in the downtown that could accommodate five story buildings and spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Jennifer McMillan, a resident of Oak Avenue, stated that she feels the ordinance as written will encourage more traffic. She spoke against the proposed ordinance.

James Morgan, a member of the Downtown Development Commission, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Beth Kirshman, a resident of Maple Avenue, spoke against the proposed ordinance.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

It was the consensus of the Board to delay further discussion of this matter until April 8th.

RENTAL/RESERVATION PROCEDURE FOR SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD 3B

The purpose of the item was for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to review and approve a Rental/Reservation Procedure for Smith Middle Soccer Field 3B.

Anita Jones McNair, the town's Recreation and Parks Director, made the presentation.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Hall Broun and duly seconded by Alderman Diana McDuffee.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENTAL/RESERVATION PROCEDURE
FOR SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD 3B
Resolution No. 128/2002-03

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Department has requested that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen review and approve the Rental/Reservation Procedure for Smith Middle School Soccer Field 3B; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at its meeting on March 25, 2003 reviewed the Rental/Reservation Procedure.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVE

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the rental slot change of 60 minutes to 90 minutes for Smith Middle School Soccer Field 3B.

Section 2. The Board does not approve the requested change that a group must consist of 75% or more participants who reside within Orange County.

Section 3. That the town staff provide options for seeding the field to allow for use of the field prior to April.

Section 4. 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 25th day of March, 2003:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

Alderman McDuffee requested that the town staff place a sign at the field indicating whether it is open or closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANA MCDUFFEE AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO LIMIT FREE PLAY ON THE FIELD TO ONE HALF DAY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, NEGATIVE ONE (GIST)

Alderman Herrera asked for information on residency of soccer players.

REPORT ON PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLINESS OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS/PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

The 2003 Action Agenda includes a report on (1) pedestrian access to shopping and (2) the pedestrian friendliness of signalized intersections in Carrboro. A report has been prepared. A resolution accepting the report was recommended for the Board's adoption.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Hall Broun and duly seconded by Alderman Alex Zaffron.

**A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE REPORT ON PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLINESS
OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ISSUES
Resolution No. 131/2002-03**

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen adopted a 2003 Action Agenda, and;

WHEREAS, the 2003 Action Agenda includes a report on pedestrian access to shopping and the pedestrian friendliness of signalized intersections in Carrboro, and;

WHEREAS, the Planning Staff has prepared a report on the Action Agenda items.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen have reviewed the report provided by the Planning Staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen receive the report.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 25th day of March, 2003:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

Alderman Gist asked that the staff check into having pedestrian signals adjusted to allow pedestrians more time to cross.

DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD'S SUMMER BREAK

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed and set their summer break schedule for this year.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Hall Broun and duly seconded by Alderman John Herrera.

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN'S
SUMMER BREAK FOR 2003
Resolution No. 125/2002-03

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro that the month of July and the first two weeks of August will be set as the Board's summer break for the year 2003.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 25th day of March, 2003:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Alex Zaffron

Noes: Mark Dorosin

Absent or Excused: None

HUMAN SERVICES ALLOCATION

Mike Brough asked for clarification from the Board on the amount allocated for human service agencies in the upcoming 2003-04 budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY MARK DOROSIN TO ALLOCATE ONE CENT ON THE TAX RATE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, NEGATIVE ONE (BROUN)

Mayor Nelson stated that if the financial situation changes, the Board may request that the Human Services Commission provide an alternative recommendation based on a \$100,000 allocation.

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON DRAINAGE FROM 106 ROCKY POINT COURT

Alderman Broun requested a report concerning a drainage ditch from 106 Rocky Point Court.

TRIANGLE J TRANSIT CONSOLIDATION STUDY

Alderman Zaffron stated that Triangle J Council of Governments is beginning its study of the possible consolidation or cooperation of transit services in the Triangle Area. Carrboro needs to be a part of that study. He asked that the town staff bring back a report to the Board on how the Town can have input into this study.

HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION

Alderman Zaffron asked that the Board discuss whether it would be interested in participating in the new high school site selection process.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Nelson asked that resolutions proposed by individual Board members be distributed to Board members in advance of meetings.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:30 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk