

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Mark Chilton
	Jacquelyn Gist
	John Herrera
	Diana McDuffee
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Deputy Town Clerk	Sharmin E. Mirman

Absent:

Alderman	Joal Hall Broun
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### **CARRBORO RADIO STATION WCLM**

Mayor Nelson encouraged citizens to listen to Carrboro's new radio station.

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PARENTS**

Mayor Nelson congratulated Mark Dorosin and Bronwyn Merritt on the birth of their baby girl yesterday.

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### **HAIR SALON MOVES TO NEW LOCATION**

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist announced that Capelli's Hair Salon has moved next to Jade Palace.

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### **NEW CARRBORO BUSINESS**

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist recommended a new store in Carrboro called Nested that is located next to Armadillo Grill. She said it is beautiful and suggested that we do our Christmas shopping there.

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### **WORKSESSION ON THE DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION STUDY**

A Preliminary Draft Report has been prepared for the Downtown Carrboro Transportation Study. Roger Henderson of Kimley-Horn and Associates provided a report on the status of the study.

Pro Tem Mayor Diana McDuffee led the meeting.

Roger Henderson, of Kimley-Horn and Associates made a presentation to the Board.

Dale McKeel, the Town's Transportation Planner, joined Mr. Henderson in the presentation. He stated that the next step will be getting a website. He mentioned a joint review meeting with the advisory boards and others scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> and also the idea of a public forum. He asked the Board for any thoughts they might have about this. He also suggested a field trip to N.C. State's roundabout to see how it works.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist suggested that when the Town has the forum, to invite representatives from Chapel Hill and the University in order to let them know what is being considered and to get their input.

Mayor Pro Tem Diana McDuffee asked that a lot of thought be given regarding the public forum to make sure there is a good cross representation of opinions.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman John Herrera.

**A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE UPDATE ON THE  
DOWNTOWN CARRBORO TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
Resolution No. 36/2004-05**

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks ample opportunities to develop and implement initiatives which enhance the viability of downtown.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen has received the update on the downtown transportation study.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

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**WORKSESSION ON THE CARRBORO MOBILITY REPORT CARD**

A Mobility Report Card has been prepared for the Town of Carrboro. Ray Moe of LSA Associates, Inc. 1 provided a work session on the report.

Ray Moe of LSA Associates, Inc. addressed the Board.

Mayor Michael Nelson stated that he assumed that staff has been taking information about signalization issues in Carrboro to Chapel Hill to talk about the data. Chapel Hill is the Town's provider and owns the system, so when we make changes we have to work through them.

Mayor Pro Tem Diana McDuffee asked for clarification about the congestion issues on Smith Level Road. The red marking on the graph reflect a count taken during morning hours near Frank Porter Graham Elementary School, but was not indicative of the overall daily volume at that intersection. She asked that all data about Smith Level Road be pulled out and summarized for work with the DOT so they will not interpret that

information and use it as justification to put a four-lane highway on Smith Level Road. The speeding on this road is a factor that should be considered in improvements to this road.

Alderman Chilton asked that the bicycle facilities map be revised to indicate that the bike lane designation has been removed from E. Poplar Avenue.

Alderman Zaffron asked that the graphic be revised to indicate where the congestion problems are on Smith Level Road.

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**STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON USE OF BIODIESEL**

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen with a staff assessment of the Environmental Advisory Board's recommendations on Biodiesel use in the Town of Carrboro. A resolution was presented that accepts the staff report and directs staff to address recommendations 3 and 4.

Noah Ranells, the Town's Environmental Planner, addressed the Board about recommendations made to the Board on September 7th.

Mayor Michael Nelson said that the carbon reduction issue is significant and that it is an experiment worth pursuing. He stated that the price point for B100 is not where it needs to be to adopt for the town right now. However, the issue of ozone non-attainment and global warming are very serious, and in order to solve those problems, each community will have to do their part and look at another technology and, at some point, the price may come down to a level where it is more comfortable. He stated that it is in everyone's best interest to do the experiment and see where things go – to start the process and be part of the solution.

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

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STAFF REPORT ON THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION  
ON BIODIESEL IN THE TOWN OF CARRBORO  
Resolution No. 37/2004-05

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks to ensure that its existing and proposed policies and regulations are conducive to employing alternative fuel options and overall increased energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, staff has provided an appropriate assessment of the Environmental Advisory Board recommendations on biodiesel in the Town of Carrboro that provides the Aldermen with sufficient information on which to base decisions related to biodiesel use,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen accept this staff report and direct staff to proceed with final plans for implementing a trial period for use of B100 in a maximum of two town vehicles for a maximum of one year. In addition, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen directs staff to share information regarding emissions of kerosene, B20, and B100 with Chapel Hill Transit staff.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 12th day of October, 2004:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

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**REQUEST OF PIEDMONT BIODIESEL TO PLACE A B100 TANK AT THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD**

The purpose of this item was to present the Board of Aldermen with a request made by Piedmont Biofuels to place a fuel tank for B100 at the Public Works facility. This tank may be used to provide B100 for Public Works needs and be used by up to 12 Piedmont Biofuels cooperative members for fueling their personal vehicles. A resolution was presented that acknowledges the Piedmont Biofuels' request and directs staff to proceed with plans for implementation.

George Seiz, The Town's Public Works director, addressed the Board.

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

A RESOLUTION TO COOPERATE WITH PIEDMONT BIOFUELS  
Resolution No. 38/2004-05

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks to ensure that its existing and proposed policies and regulations are conducive to employing alternative fuel options and overall increased energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, staff has evaluated the request of Piedmont Biofuels for the Town of Carrboro collaboration on a Triangle Clean Cities grant,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen direct staff to proceed with final plans for placement of a 500-gallon B100 fuel tank at the Public Works facility for a maximum period of one year, provided an acceptable site can be identified and necessary permits can be obtained.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 12th day of October, 2004:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve Stewart, the Town Manager announced that there would be no Board meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist mentioned that Steve Stewart would be attending the ICMA and was scheduled to receive his 30year service award.

Alderman Mark Chilton mentioned a renewed request made by a citizen to look into putting pedestrian crossing paddles on Carr Street and Poplar Street like the ones on North and South Greensboro Street that indicate to drivers that they are coming to a stoplight.

Dale McKeel, the Town's Transportation Planner, addressed the Board. He said that the DOT is on a nine-month backlog about requests of that nature.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ALEX ZAFFRON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:55 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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Deputy Town Clerk

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Mayor