

A worksession of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor Pro Tem	Joal Hall Broun
Aldermen	Jacquelyn Gist
	John Herrera
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Robert Hornik for Michael B. Brough
Deputy Town Clerk	Sharmin E. Mirman

Absent:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Alderman	Alex Zaffron

### **WORKSESSION ON POSSIBLE REVISIONS TO VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS**

This worksession was postponed due to the absence of Mayor Chilton and Alderman Zaffron.

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### **PROCLAMATION ISSUED**

Mayor Pro Tem Broun read a proclamation proclaiming January 15-21 as "Jaycee Week" in the Town of Carrboro.

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### **CONNECTOR ROADS POLICY – LLOYD STREET AND NORTH GREENSBORO STREET AREA**

At its meeting on October 11, 2005, the Board of Aldermen discussed an action plan for the Downtown Traffic Circulation Study. One of the items listed in the action plan was to hold a worksession on connectivity between Lloyd Street and N. Greensboro Street and consider for inclusion in the Connector Roads Policy. Staff recommended that the Board of Aldermen adopt a resolution receiving the report and providing guidance on next steps.

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

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked if there had been any early feedback from the Broad Street/Lloyd Street neighborhoods.

Dale McKeel stated that there has not yet been any public involvement in this report, but there was some interest expressed in the Lloyd/Greensboro Street connection at a public meeting on the downtown circulation study in December 2004.

Mayor Pro Tem Broun stated that the only connection she would be interested in would be for bicycles and pedestrians.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell said that the immediate neighborhood should be very much involved. The possibility with the railroad should be pursued.

Alena Callimanis addressed the Board. She said there is a difficult parking situation in Carrboro and the parking lot at Carr Mill is packed, even late at night. Because of the spur, the turning lane is short. We must look at the impact on turning lanes and require a traffic light so people can get in and out.

Dale McKeel said the Town of Chapel Hill is looking at bicycle and pedestrian access to Bolin Creek Greenway and providing access to Carrboro residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Joal Hall Broun asked that Mayor Chilton and Alderman Zaffron view the recording of tonight's meeting, and that the town staff bring back this matter for Board discussion at a future meeting.

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**DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Mayor Pro Tem Broun asked that the town staff confirm with the candidates that the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Board agreed to the following process:

Mayor Pro Tem Broun and Alderman Haven-O'Donnell will pull applicant's names out of a hat to determine the order in which candidates will be interviewed. Four candidates will be seated at the staff table in the Boardroom at a time.

Each member of the Board of Aldermen will be given an opportunity to ask each candidate one question. Each candidate will be given two minutes to answer each question. A timer will be used.

Those candidates who have yet to be interviewed will be asked to wait in Room 100 of Town Hall while other candidates are being interviewed.

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**NAMING OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL**

Alderman Gist stated that she had been disturbed and insulted to hear of the emails coming out of a portion of Chapel Hill to the school board, demanding that the new high school not be named after Carrboro because it would decrease property values and lessen the prestige of the school in admission offices' eyes. Many people who do not want Carrboro on their child's transcript moved here for our school system. To imply that those of us, who have been paying for your child's education, are not good enough to have our name on the building that your children go to, is deeply insulting.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO AJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:11 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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