

A worksession of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Dan Coleman
	Jacquelyn Gist
	John Herrera
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

PROCLAMATION ISSUED

Mayor Chilton read a proclamation proclaiming October 12, 2006 as Rebecca Sellers Clark Day in the Town of Carrboro.

REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SMITH LEVEL ROAD TASK FORCE

On September 5, the Board of Aldermen directed staff to work with petitioners to develop a charge for the task force, along with a deadline for completion of its work. Staff has met with Heritage Hills resident Terri Buckner and Alderman Alex Zaffron and a draft charge has been prepared. A resolution approving the composition and charge for the task force was recommended for the Board's adoption. Also attached is a draft letter to officials in Orange County, Chatham County, OWASA, NCDOT, Town of Chapel Hill, and Orange County Sheriff's Department, inviting them to appoint representatives to the task force.

Kendal Brown, one of the Town's Planner/Zoning Development Specialists, made the presentation.

Alderman Gist asked that Item #8 (To the extent possible, Task Force meetings are to be held during regular business hours on weekdays.) be deleted from the resolution and that representation from Pittsboro be added.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Dan Coleman.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING COMPOSITION AND CHARGE TO THE
SMITH LEVEL ROAD TASK FORCE
Resolution No. 50/2006-07**

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has accepted a petition signed by 100 residents of the area around Smith Level Road requesting the creation of a task force to make recommendations regarding improvements to vehicular and pedestrian safety and access along Smith Level Road and protection of the University Lake Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks to ensure that its existing and proposed policies, regulations, and actions are appropriate and beneficial, and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks to respond to citizen concerns and to take appropriate action as fiscal and governmental authority permits; and

WHEREAS, Smith Level Road south of Ray Road serves as the boundary line for the University Lake watershed and is important to the general health and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, staff met with Terri Buckner, the residents' representative, and Alex Zaffron, Board of Aldermen liaison, to discuss the residents' concerns, identify stakeholders, and a draft charge for the task force was developed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the following stakeholders be invited by the Town to serve on the Smith Level Road Task Force:

Smith Level Road residents' representative (currently Terri Buckner); Carrboro Board of Aldermen liaison (currently Alex Zaffron), representatives from Orange County (government and citizen), Chatham County (government and citizen), Chapel Hill (government and citizen), Pittsboro (government and citizen), as well as staff from NCDOT (one representative from each of the 2 adjoining NCDOT districts), Orange County Sheriff's Department, Chapel Hill-Carrboro school system, Culbreth School, and Durham/Chapel Hill/Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the following charge be given to the task force:

1. To gather data on existing problems regarding traffic impact and pedestrian safety along Smith Level Road and to receive data on the projected traffic impact of anticipated development in the area.
2. To examine development pressures both existing and anticipated in multiple jurisdictions in and near the area roughly encompassed by Culbreth Road (Chapel Hill and Carrboro) on the north; U.S. 15-501 South (Chapel Hill, Orange County, and Chatham County) on the east; U.S. 15-501 approximately at the Chatham County line on the south; and Smith Level Road (Carrboro and Chapel Hill) on the west; to further the understanding by all entities of current and future traffic impact in this area and environmental impact on the University Lake Watershed.
3. To explore ways to provide safe, non-vehicular access to Carrboro High School to children living along Smith Level Road between the Carrboro town limit and U.S. Highway 15-501.
4. To explore ways to provide safe access for residents whose driveways or subdivisions are located on or along Smith Level Road.
5. Regarding recommendations based on the above-described analyses of proposed development and roadway improvements, analyze such recommendations for adverse impacts on the University Lake Watershed.
6. By March 2007, present to the Board of Aldermen analyses of development in the study area, including traffic impacts.
7. Present a final report to the Board of Aldermen by June 30, 2007, including recommendations based on the foregoing analyses, at which time the Task Force will have fulfilled its duties.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 10th day of October, 2006:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Dan Coleman, Jacquelyn Gist, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, John Herrera, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE ISSUES

The purpose of this agenda item was provide the Board of Aldermen an update from Orange County Solid Waste Management representatives on various solid waste issues and allow an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Blair Pollock, with the Orange County Solid Waste Department, gave a status report on the Orange County Solid Waste Management Planning Process.

Gayle Wilson, Director of Orange County Solid Waste Management, stated that the County has not made a decision on whether the transfer station would be sited. The County Commissioners will be discussing this matter on October 24th.

Alderman Broun asked for information on the size of the proposed transfer station.

Alderman Gist asked that trucks not use Rogers Road to access the transfer station

Mr. Wilson stated that there would be no reason for the trucks to use Rogers Road.

Alderman Herrera asked about using solid waste for composting, or other ways to make money.

Mr. Wilson stated that the current landfill when closed when sit for a minimum of 30 years to decompose. The Commissioners are looking at several proposals, i.e., using landfill gas to provide power for Carolina North, or to clean and pump gas to that location to provide energy for buildings.

Mayor Chilton asked if Alamance County was still being considered to locate the transfer station.

Mr. Wilson stated that Alamance had notified them that they were no longer interested.

Alderman Coleman asked if the County had given any thought to citing another landfill in Orange County

Mr. Wilson stated that the county was not interesting in discussing the possibility of siting another landfill in Orange County.

Mayor Chilton asked if the county had considered countywide solid waste collection.

Mr. Wilson stated that the county staff has not considered residential but are looking at commercial collection in light of how that could be combined with possible county-run or contracted waste collection in the unincorporated area.

Alderman Broun asked what the benefits and cost savings are of a transfer station. She spoke against citing the transfer station in the Eubanks Road area. Any cost savings should go towards new facilities for the Eubanks Road neighbors.

Alderman Coleman stated that there would be a cost saving to Carrboro since our employees will not have to drive as far.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell suggested that a slide presentation be made to citizens explaining how a state-of-the-art transfer station would look and operate.

Alderman Coleman stated he had read articles on the Internet about transfer stations and everywhere that had had problems were privately run facilities.

Alderman Gist asked for a copy of the agreement with the landfill neighbors and a copy of the Landfill Owners Group minutes covering dismantling the LOG.

Alderman Herrera asked if the transfer station could be used for chemicals

Mr. Wilson stated that the transfer station could not receive chemicals.

Alderman Coleman asked that the Board consider moving forward with pay-as-you-throw using education, composting, source reduction, etc.

Alderman Gist stated that pay-as-you-throw provides an opportunity to give lower income households a buffer against tax increases.

Alderman Broun stated that costs would be important to her. She stated that she would oppose it if there were a shift in expenses.

Alderman Zaffron asked if there was any data on the correlation between income and waste production.

Mayor Chilton stated that Bob Kirshcher expressing concern about complications of a pay-as-you-throw system on condominium communities, and asked that the Board be sensitive to consequences and additional burdens the Board's decisions concerning pay-as-you-throw would have on condominium communities.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO DIRECT THE TOWN STAFF PREPARE A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE POSSIBILITIES AND IMPLICATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING PAY-AS-YOU-THROW FOR CARRBORO. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE "BETTER TOGETHER" PROJECT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The purpose of this item was to update the Board of Aldermen on the progress and purpose of the Better Together project.

Tony Westbrook, a member of the Project Leadership Team, made the report.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

SALARY INCREASE FOR TOWN MANAGER

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOHN HERRERA TO GRANT THE TOWN MANAGER A 5.5% SALARY INCREASE, RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2006. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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

Mayor

Town Clerk