

A worksession of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 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
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Lydia Lavelle
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Robert Hornik for Michael B. Brough
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

Absent:

Alderman	John Herrera
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TOWN HALL DAY FOR TEENS

Mr. Stewart stated that students from McDougle Middle School involved in Town Hall Day for Teens were present at tonight's Board meeting. He noted that the students will be conducting their own board meeting on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall and invited the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend.

WORKSESSION ON DOWNTOWN PARKING

At the January 22, 2008 public hearing for the Roberson Square CUP the Board of Aldermen requested a work session on downtown parking for February 12th. This item serves to frame that discussion. Items directly related to the Roberson Square project will be included as part of the discussion at the continuation of the public hearing on February 26th.

Adena Messinger, the town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation. She stated that the results of the parking study will be presented to the Board in April.

James Harris, the town's Community and Economic Development Director, presented a proposal for a possible new town parking lot. The property is located in the vicinity of Kentucky Fried Chicken and will cost between \$100,000 - \$200,000 just to meet the town's stormwater management regulations. This amount does not include the cost of constructing the parking lot. This property could provide 26 parking spaces. He also pointed out that there is a large tree located on this property.

Mr. Stewart stated that the town staff would be providing further information concerning this property.

Mayor Chilton stated that he would hope that the Board will look at a multi-modal strategy for the downtown, and suggested that the Board discuss with the business community how we share the burden of the cost of making investments in the downtown. He stated that he would like to continue to provide free parking, but if more parking is provided by the government, the downtown businesses should share in the cost of that parking.

Alderman Coleman suggested metered on-street parking in front of retail shops.

Mayor Chilton suggested using meters without charging for parking and suggested collaboration with businesses owners who are building parking decks to provide some public parking.

Alderman Broun stated that the Board needs to be careful when considering on-street parking since some on-street parking might be in front of residences.

Alderman Broun suggested that the survey ask how far employees are walking.

Alderman Coleman suggested that the survey ask where people are coming from and that Question 5(b) ask where employees currently park.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked about including a question about whether business owners or employees would be interested in van pooling from the University Lake lot or Carrboro Plaza lot.

WORKSESSION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NORTHERN STUDY AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

On December 11, 2007, the Northern Study Area Plan Implementation Review Committee voted on a series of recommendations and requested that their recommendations be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for review. A resolution that provides an opportunity for the Board of Aldermen to specify follow-up actions was provided.

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

Tom High, a member of the NSAPIRC, stated that he had voted no on several issues because the group did not use the consensus plan.

It was the consensus of the Board to request that the town staff prepare a schedule for reviewing the NSAPIRC recommendations based on the following categories:

1. zoning issues
2. environmental items, form and, transportation/connectivity
3. changes to the land use ordinance

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN STUDY AREA PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR WORK, THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE ENCOURAGED AS INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS, AND THAT THE COMMITTEE BE DISSOLVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (HERRERA)

REVIEW OF ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING PROCESSES

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to review and make any desired changes to the current advisory board appointment and training processes.

[The Board delayed discussion of this matter until the March worksession.]

REQUEST TO SET A DATE FOR THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The town staff requests that the Board of Aldermen schedule a date for the 2008 legislative breakfast. April 4th, 11th and 18th have been suggested as possible dates for this year's meeting with the legislative delegation. At the February 5th Board meeting, the Board requested that the town staff check on a possible alternative date for this meeting. Speaker Hackney's office has suggested Monday, April 28th as an alternate date.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Joal Hall Broun.

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR THE
2008 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST MEETING
Resolution No. 99/2007-08

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Board hereby requests that the 2008 legislative breakfast meeting be set for April 28, 2008.

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 12th day of February 2008:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Dan Coleman, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Gist, Lydia Lavelle

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: John Herrera

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:14 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk