

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, April 22, 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
	John Herrera
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Lydia Lavelle
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

REQUEST FOR "WATCH FOR CYCLISTS" SIGNS

Heidi Perry, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board, stated that the TAB was requesting that signs be posted along several popular bicycle routes, including Dairyland Road, Union Grove Church Road and Orange Grove Road, that state "Watch for Cyclists". She stated that she had been directed to by Orange County Planning to contact the NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Division about this request. She asked for support from the Board of Aldermen to pursue this matter with NCDOT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO ENDORSE THE TAB'S REQUEST. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CHARGE ISSUED TO NEW BOARD APPOINTEE

The Town Clerk issued a charge to David Diritto, a recent appointee to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO MODIFY IMPERVIOUS SURFACE LIMITATIONS FOR DAY CARE USES IN VILLAGE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS

A draft ordinance which would, if adopted, amend the text of the Land Use Ordinance to modify impervious surface limitations for day care uses in village mixed use developments was presented. The Board of Aldermen must receive public comment before deciding on the amendment.

Eric Chupp, on behalf of Capkov Ventures, Inc., asked that this matter be delayed for one month.

Alena Callimanis presented slides of the Goddard School in Morrisville. She stated that the façade of the facility is changeable, that it is a high end daycare and is not considered affordable. She also stated that she had no objections to placing such a facility in the Winmore Village Mixed Use development.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO CONTINUE THIS PUBLIC HEARING TO JUNE 24, 2008. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider a resolution in support of an Orange County real estate transfer tax.

Diana McDuffee, representing Orange County Citizens for Schools and Parks, spoke in support of the Orange County real estate transfer tax.

Bob Kirschner questioned whether support of this resolution is representative of the citizens of Carrboro.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Dan Coleman and duly seconded by Alderman John Herrera.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX
Resolution No. 134/2007-08

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners have recognized the urgent need for an additional revenue source to fund the construction of schools and parks, and

WHEREAS, the N.C. General Assembly has recently authorized two additional methods of generating revenue by counties in North Carolina, those being a sales tax and a real estate transfer tax, and

WHEREAS, the county commissioners determined that the better choice of these two new revenue sources is the real estate transfer tax, with a maximum of 0.4 percent of the sales price of residential, commercial and unimproved property; and

WHEREAS, the advantages of the of the transfer tax over the property tax are that it will enable owners of property to enjoy increases in their property values without having to pay additional annual property taxes, and that the transfer tax will delay tax payment until owners receive revenue from the sales of their property, thus especially helping elderly people; and

WHEREAS, the county commissioners have received permission from the North Carolina General Assembly to levy such a tax if county voters approve the tax in a ballot referendum; and

WHEREAS, the county commissioners have placed the referendum on the May 6, 2008 ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen supports the real estate transfer tax for Orange County and recommends that voters pass its ballot question on May 6, 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 22nd day of April 2008:

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

Noes: Jacquelyn Gist

Absent or Excused: None

ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE 2005-2010 CONSOLIDATED HOUSING PLAN FOR ORANGE COUNTY

The purpose of this item was to present to the Board of Aldermen the Annual Update to the Consolidated Housing Plan. The staff requested adoption of a resolution authorizing submission of the 2008-2009 update of the FY2005-2010 Consolidated Housing Plan for Orange County to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF
THE 2008-2009 ANNUAL UPDATE OF
FY 2005-2010 CONSOLIDATED HOUSING PLAN FOR ORANGE COUNTY
Resolution No. 135/2007-08

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

Section 1. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen authorizes the County Manager, on behalf of the HOME Consortium and as the lead entity to submit the Orange County Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs Annual Update to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, including all understandings, assurances, and certifications required therein.

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 22nd day of April 2008:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

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.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY DAN COLEMAN TO REQUEST THAT THE TOWN STAFF PREPARE A REPORT TO INCLUDE:

A monthly report to the Board on advisory board vacancies;
A survey of other towns regarding term limits for advisory board chairs;

The idea of a videotaped training session for new advisory board members;
That minutes of advisory board meetings be posted on the town's website as they are approved;
That advisory board chairs or Board of Aldermen liaisons contact members with poor attendance;
That the Cemetery Commission and Cable T.V. Committee be dissolved;
Which advisory boards have bylaws and which do not – should all boards have basic bylaws?
Which advisory boards allow for Board of Aldermen liaisons to vote on issues?

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

GOOGLE – I CAR POOL

Alderman Herrera encouraged citizens to use the Google – I Car Pool service.

Alderman Broun encouraged citizens to use the Triangle Transit express bus to Raleigh.

REQUEST TO USE PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL INVENTORY

Mike Brough stated that Elizabeth Ryan was requesting permission to use photos from the town's Architectural and Historical Inventory in a presentation she is making with the town's Recreation and Parks Department. Apparently this document is copyrighted by the Town of Carrboro.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY DAN COLEMAN TO AUTHORIZE MS. RYAN TO USE PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL INVENTORY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:03 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk