

A worksession of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun (arrived at 8:12 p.m.)
	Dan Coleman
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Lydia Lavelle
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

Absent:

Alderman	John Herrera
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FURNITURE FOLLIES

Ridge Cook, owner of Furniture Follies, stated that the town's building inspector has determined that the Cleora Sterling in which his business is located, would have to have a sprinkler system installed in order for his business to operate in that building. The engineering was done and bids were let to install the system but it was discovered that there was no sufficient water pressure to operate the sprinkler system. To run the necessary water line to service the sprinkler would triple the cost of installing the sprinkler system from \$100,000 to \$300,000. He asked that the town consider aligning its requirements with the less restrictive State Building Code.

Cam Hill, owner of the Cleora Sterling building, recommended that the town consider the change to the ordinance even if it does not help with his situation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY LYDIA LAVELLE TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE TOWN STAFF FOR A RESPONSE TO WHETHER THE TOWN CODE COULD BE AMENDED TO BE LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE BUILDING CODE IN REGARD TO SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (HERRERA, BROUN)

Alderman Coleman asked that the staff consider tailoring any change to the ordinance so that it would apply only to certain businesses.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

A draft bicycle transportation plan has been prepared for Carrboro's planning jurisdiction. The Board was asked to receive a presentation on the contents of the plan and to provide comments.

Adena Messinger, the town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation.

Alderman Coleman had the following comments/suggestions:

- The priority list should include a notation of the status of the projects in the TIP
- That signs be installed on narrow streets where there is not room for bike lanes indicating that bicyclists should merge with car traffic

- Under bicycle advocacy group – the role of the town should be better clarified – discuss overlap with TAB
- A process to maintain an ongoing top ten priority list
- Look at a helmet law and bicycle patrol
- Designation between bicyclists and pedestrians – stop bike riding on sidewalks – clarify that bicyclists are required to get off their bikes to cross at crosswalks
- Better integration of what is in the implementation section

[Alderman Broun arrived at the meeting.]

Alderman Lavelle suggested that Smith Middle School and other schools located on Seawell School Road be added to the list in Section 2.7 (conditions going to certain destinations), that the Public Works Department look at the dangerous ditch referenced in Section 3-35.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell expressed support for covered bike racks and a law to require helmets.

Brian Bergler with Greenways, Inc. answered the Board's questions about the plan.

Mayor Chilton had the following comments/suggestions:

- Suggested renaming project #4 in Chapter 3 to: South Greensboro Street/Old Pittsboro Road
- Project 3 (Homestead Road) should begin at Lake Hogan Farm Road rather than Stratford Road
- Clarification of projects listed on Page 3-13
- Project 7 (Old NC 86) – talk with Orange County and Hillsborough about an alternate route to Hillsborough
- Talk with Chatham County officials about the best bike route to Pittsboro

WORKSESSION ON LAND USE ORDINANCE REVISIONS FOR WATER QUALITY BUFFERS

Staff has completed an evaluation of stream buffer provisions and offers a draft ordinance amending these provisions for the Board's review.

Randy Dodd, the town's Environmental Planner, made the presentation.

Alderman Gist expressed concern that a property owner who owns property within the 5% to 10% mapped buffer area would run into extraordinary problems that they did not have when they built or purchased their property.

Alderman Coleman had the following comments/suggestions:

- That tree removal be a mitigation category and that those trees be expected to be replanted.
- On Page C-20, Item G – what does undevelopable mean?
- Look at developing impact thresholds for those certain activities, i.e., transportation crossing, railroad crossing, etc., that vary in length in relation to the varying widths of buffers for different stream types. For example, narrower thresholds for ephemeral streams and wider thresholds for perennial streams.
- Look at five acre drainage as the area at which the staff is recommending ephemeral streams be regulated.

Mike Brough stated that subsection (g) would allow development of an undevelopable lot that is within the protective buffer area without the necessity of the property owner seeking a variance.

FOLLOW UP ON ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING PROCESSES

The purpose of this agenda item was for staff to present their reactions and proposals based on ideas that came up in the 4/22/08 Board discussion of advisory board appointment and training processes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO DELAY DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM UNTIL NOVEMBER 11TH (TO FOLLOW PRESENTATION OF THE CIP). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (HERRERA)

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY DAN COLEMAN TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:49 P.M. TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (HERRERA)

Mayor

Town Clerk