

A worksession of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	John Herrera
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Lydia Lavelle
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Deputy Town Clerk	Sharmin Mirman

Absent:

Aldermen	Dan Coleman
	Jacquelyn Gist

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Chilton called for a moment of silence in remembrance of civil rights leader, Rebecca Clark who recently passed away.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLYING FOR TWO NORTH CAROLINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANTS

Town staff has prepared a resolution for consideration by the Board of Aldermen in support of staff applying for both an Infrastructure and Non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School grant, and in support of the Town serving as the lead agency in the event that one or both of the grants are awarded to the Town.

Alderman Lavelle asked that Morris Grove Elementary School is included in subsequent years.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Hall Broun and duly seconded by Alderman Lydia Lavelle.

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATION
OF NORTH CAROLINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE
AND NON-INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS
Resolution No. 56/2008-09

WHEREAS the North Carolina Department of Transportation is accepting applications for Safe Routes to School infrastructure and non-infrastructure grants; and

WHEREAS the Town of Carrboro intends to submit projects for both the infrastructure and non-infrastructure grants; and

WHEREAS the Safe Routes to School infrastructure and non-infrastructure grant programs are reimbursement programs to fund programs and improvements that can help make bicycling and walking to and from school safe and healthy transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS the Town of Carrboro participated in a Safe Routes to School workshop in April 2005 and is currently participating in a Safe Routes to School Action Plan for Carrboro and McDougle Elementary schools;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen supports applying for any of the Safe Routes to School grant programs; and supports the Town as the Lead Agency responsible for entering into a contract with NCDOT and administering a grant if awarded.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 13th day of January 2009:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Dan Coleman, Jacquelyn Gist

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROJECTS FUND TO RECOGNIZE A COVERDELL GRANT RECEIVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Carrboro Police Department succeeded in obtaining \$82,515 from the 2008 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements Grant program. The grant funds shall be used to create and finance a fingerprint identification network in and around Orange County. The Board was requested to approve a budget amendment to establish a grant fund to account for these expenditures.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY LYDIA LAVELLE TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY'2008-09 BUDGET ORDINANCE." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (COLEMAN, GIST)

Alderman Joal Broun commended the Police Department for obtaining this grant.

"BETTER TOGETHER IN ACTION" PRESENTATION

The purpose of this agenda item was for Town staff to present to the Board of Aldermen how different departments work "Better Together" to create a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable environment for all people who participate in our events or take part in town activities.

Captain Joel Booker introduced Nancy Emslie in the Management Services Department.

Nancy Emslie stated that town employees began a Better Together project in January 2006. Since that time the town staff has worked together to develop a vision statement, goals and strategies for the Better Together initiative, to promote mutual respect for and knowledge of roles of the board and staff.

The following employees spoke with the Board about what staff does and how departments interact:

David Poythress – Public Works Department
Scott Trombley – Fire Department
Capt. Joal Booker – Police Department
Kim Andres – Recreation and Parks Department
Nancy Emsile – Management Services Department

Dick Forbis spoke with the Board about how the town staff works together to make road races successful.

Mayor Chilton thanked the town staff for their presentations.

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN UPDATE

At the conclusion of the April 15, 2008 parking study presentation, staff was directed to evaluate the study for further action recommendations. Staff has been working with the Economic Sustainability Commission on short and long term recommendations for downtown parking. This item served to update the Board of Aldermen on the ESC recommendations.

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

Alderman Lavelle encouraged improvements in signage to identify parking lots. She also stated that there are tax breaks for business owners who provide incentives to their employees to bike to work.

Alderman Broun suggested that a kiosk be located in the downtown to inform folks where parking is located. She also asked that the Town Attorney investigate the possibility of providing tax breaks/incentives to property owners providing parking.

Mayor Chilton asked about the status of a plan in order for us to accept payment-in-lieu funds.

Ms Messinger stated that parking goals and strategies need to be identified before payment-in-lieu funds could be accepted.

Mayor Chilton stated that the town spends far more on public transportation, sidewalks and bikeways than it does on parking for the downtown.

UPDATE ON THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2011-2017

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization has released the draft 2011-2017 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for public comment. This item served to update the Board of Aldermen on proposed changes to the descriptions of several of Carrboro's local projects and on Carrboro's projects within the 2011-2017 MTIP project list.

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

Alderman Broun spoke in support of a multi-modal connection for the Eubanks/Rogers Road connection.

Alderman Lavelle agreed with Alderman Broun's on putting emphasis on the Eubanks/Rogers Road connection.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell spoke in support of making Eubanks/Rogers Road more appealing.

Alderman Herrera spoke in support of the sidewalk from 54 to McDougle School.

Mayor Chilton stated that he thinks that the Franklin/Main/Brewer/Merritt Mill Road intersection improvements are important, but suggested working with Chapel Hill on what those improvements should look like.

Alderman Broun asked that the town staff keep a heads up on what the State will be doing with NCDOT funds and the affect on projects.

MEETING WITH LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Mayor Chilton stated that the legislative delegation can meet with the Board on Friday, January 23rd at 7:30 a.m., and that he had called a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen for that date in order for this meeting to take place.

Mayor Chilton stated that he would be in Washington, D.C. on January 20th would not be back in time for the Board meeting that night.

OWASA TASTE OF HOPE PROGRAM

Mayor Chilton encouraged citizens to participate in OWASA's Taste of Hope program.

CANCELLATION OF FEBRUARY 2ND BOARD MEETING

Mr. Stewart stated that he had suggested that the Board consider cancelling the February 3rd Board meeting because the Board's planning retreat is scheduled for February 2nd.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO CANCEL THE FEBRUARY 3rd BOARD MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (COLEMAN, GIST)

MOTION WAS MADE BY LYDIA LAVELLE AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:01 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Deputy Town Clerk