

A worksession of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in the Board Room of the Carrboro Town Hall.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Aldermen	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Joal Hall Broun (arrived at 7:42pm)
	Dan Coleman
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Lydia Lavelle
	Sammy Slade
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Clerk	Catherine Wilson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

DISCUSSION OF WEST MAIN STREET LANE CONFIGURATION RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, PEDESTRIANS, AND BICYCLISTS

The Board of Aldermen received a presentation from the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) on pedestrian, bicyclist, and motor vehicle conditions on West Main Street from West Weaver Street to Hillsborough Road. Specifically, the Board was asked to consider a “road diet” concept that would allow space for a center turn lane and bike lanes by converting the cross-section from four lanes to three.

Seth LaJeunesse, member of the Transportation Advisory Board made the presentation for the proposed West Main Street road diet.

Dale McKeel, DCHC-MPP made a presentation on several road diets that are currently in effect in Durham, Charlotte, and Raleigh along with lessons that have been learned from those studies.

Mayor Chilton noted that this could take awhile because cooperation is required from DOT.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Coleman and duly seconded by Alderman Lavelle.

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO A CONCEPT FOR MODIFYING
THE LANE CONFIGURATION ON WEST MAIN STREET FROM WEAVER STREET TO
HILLSBOROUGH ROAD
Resolution No. 56/2010-11

WHEREAS, *Carrboro Vision 2020* states that the “safe and adequate flow of bus, auto, bicycle and pedestrian traffic within and around Carrboro is essential”; and,

WHEREAS, the segment of West Main Street between West Weaver Street and Hillsborough Road is four lanes; and,

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Downtown Traffic Circulation Study (2005) recommends modifying this segment to one through lane in each direction with on-street parking on one side and bike lanes on both sides (assuming intersection capacity increasing with a modern roundabout at Weaver Street); and,

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan (2009) recommends the following: “Stripe bicycle lanes along this stretch of Main St. with the implementation of a road diet, converting existing four lanes to two travel lanes, a central turn lane, and striped bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway”; and,

WHEREAS, properly implemented “classic road diets” – converting roads from four lanes to three (including a center turn lane) – have been found to reduce crash frequency and motor vehicle speeds, as well as invite greater bicycle and pedestrian use while having insubstantial effects on traffic operations for streets with average daily traffic under 15,000 to 20,000; and,

WHEREAS, road diets reduce the number of lanes pedestrians and left-turning vehicles must cross; and,

WHEREAS, this segment of West Main Street is the site of a substantial number of bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users; and,

WHEREAS, West Main Street is maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that:

1. The Board of Aldermen receives the staff report and presentation;
2. Town staff are directed to prepare a letter to NCDOT conveying the Board's interest in the road diet concept and requesting that it be considered at the time of resurfacing.
3. Town staff are directed to conduct an analysis of traffic and safety impacts of road diet implementation and present the analysis to the Board of Aldermen by May 1, 2011, and work with NCDOT on other necessary implementation steps.
4. The Board of Aldermen would like to explore possible ways to increase the safety of the crosswalk for walkers and bikers at Main and Poplar;
5. If the traffic and safety analysis shows no substantial traffic operations or public safety impacts, a pavement marking plan in accordance with the road diet concept described above shall be prepared and submitted to NCDOT by June 30, 2011.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 8th day of February 2011;

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

DISCUSSION OF ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed appointments to the Town's Advisory Boards.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPOINT SRIV NAVARATNAM TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LYDIA LAVELLE AND SECONDED BY DAN COLEMAN TO APPOINT DAMON SEILS, MICHAEL RODGERS, AND JOHN KILLEEN TO THE IN-TOWN SEATS ON THE PLANNING BOARD. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPOINT SUSAN POULTAN TO THE TRANSITION AREA SEAT ON THE PLANNING BOARD. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO APPOINT TOM WILTBERGER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY SAMMY SLADE TO APPOINT HEIDI PERRY TO A ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD AND TO APPOINT KURT STOLKE AND TERRA CURTIS TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THREE YEAR APPOINTMENTS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY LYDIA LAVELLE TO APPOINT JONAH GARSON AND GINI BELL TO THE IN-TOWN SEATS ON THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY LYDIA LAVELLE TO APPOINT JAIMEE WATTS TO THE OUT-OF-TOWN SEAT ON THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO APPOINT SETH MAID AND EARLEEN BIRCH TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPOINT TERRI TURNER TO THE RESIDENT SEAT ON THE ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AND TO APPOINT BRIAN RUSSELL AND CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON TO THE AT-LARGE SEATS ON THE ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPOINT DANA STIDHAM, NINA BUTLER, AND BRUCE SINCLAIR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPOINT JAY BRYAN AS THE CARRBORO REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NORTHERN TRANSITION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPOINT STEPH RUSS AND LAURA KORCH TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

BOARD	TERM EXPIRATION	APPOINTMENT
Board of Adjustment	2/2011	Sriv Navaratnam
Planning Board	2/2014 2/2014 2/2014	Damon Seils Michael Rodgers John Killeen
Planning Board	2/2014	Susan Poulton
Appearance Commission	2/2014	Tom Wiltberger
Transportation Advisory Board	2/2014	Heidi Perry Kurt Stolka Terra Curtis
Recreation and Parks Commission	2/2014	Jonah Garson Gini Bell
Recreation and Parks Commission	2/2014	Jaimee Watts
Human Services Commission	2/2014	Seth Maid Earleen Burch
Economic Sustainability Commission	2/2014	Terri Turner
Economic Sustainability Commission	2/2014	Brian C Russell Christopher Stephenson
Environmental Advisory Board	2/2014 2/2014 2/2014	Dana Stidham Nina Butler Bruce Sinclair
Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee	1/2014	Jay Bryan
Arts Committee	1/2014	Steph Russ Laura Korch

DISCUSSION OF THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AGENDA

The purpose of this agenda item was to facilitate a discussion of legislative issues to present to our local delegation at the upcoming legislative breakfast scheduled for Monday, February 21 at 7:30 am at Town Hall. The delegation may be able to pursue some of the issues presented during the current session of the NC General Assembly.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO APPROVE THE TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES. VOTE AFFIRMATIVE SIX, NEGATIVE ONE (COLEMAN).

Alderman Coleman asked that the record show that he did not support item number 10 on the Triangle J Council of Government Draft Legislative Priorities.

The following legislative priorities were discussed by the Board of Aldermen:

1. Revolving Loan Discussion
2. SBI Reform
3. Improved and More Efficient Building Codes(15%/30%), possibility of Carrboro serving as a pilot town.
4. Exploring Credit Unions for Municipal Deposits
5. Re-propose a Town Charter amendment that would add sexual orientation, gender identification and gender expression to the list of bases upon which Board of Aldermen may by ordinance prohibit housing discrimination.
6. Approval of the NCLM Agenda with the distinction that they do not approve of item #25 language reading, “and study the injection of treated water into aquifers.”
7. Consider use-value taxation for urban gardens and discuss feasibility of removing the 10 acre requirement.

No votes or actions were taken to approve the above list of legislative priorities.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:12 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

Mayor

Town Clerk