

## New Horizons Task Force

May 14, 2007

### Minutes

- a. A meeting of the New Horizons Task Force was held on May 14, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Hall.
- b. Present and presiding: Lydia Lavelle (Chair), Charlie Buckner (vice-chair, by telephone), Laura Wenzel (Secretary), Laura Van Sant, Peggy Vincent, Mary Rabinowitz (NHTF members); Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Dan Coleman (Carrboro Aldermen).
- c. Visitor introduction: Linda Bowerman (Meadow Run).
- d. The minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.
- e. A discussion was held about the proposed Town of Carrboro budget(s) for 2007-2008. Lydia read several questions she had raised about the proposed budget, and the Aldermen indicated that the questions were being forwarded to Town staff. Several questions that Charlie had raised were also discussed.
- f. NHTF accomplishments were reviewed. They included setting precedents such as creating a specific website for discussing group issues and setting a template for dealing with individual neighborhoods. Other specific accomplishments discussed were the design, implementation and follow-up of the survey, and giving specific comments to the BOA about processes such as the annexation process and appointments to/running of advisory boards.
- g. Peggy reported on the Northern Study Area Plan Implementation meeting. Comments from the meeting included that developers felt ordinances were unclear, and that the timeline for mixed use areas needed review. The floating mixed use concept has not worked, and there are only small pockets of land where commercial development is feasible. The NSA needs revision because it is going the wrong way.
- h. Laura Wenzel reported on the Rogers Road Small Area Plan. A new task force on Rogers and Eubanks Roads Enhancement is being created by the Orange County Commissioners. It was asked if that task force will look at helping with sewer costs and remediation of wetlands because of the landfill. The NHTF members asked that Laura continue reporting to listserves regarding the Rogers Road SAP.
- i. The TF looked over the slides that had been presented at the initial Public Information Meeting regarding the annexation held in November 2004 to see if "promised" services had been delivered and if not, why. Specific areas discussed were the proposed new police coverage plan (Peggy read an e-mail from Chief Carolyn Hutchison explaining why the proposed new coverage was not implemented); the street maintenance issue (noting that the State is still maintaining the roads, and not the Town of Carrboro); whether the sewer outfall to a point in the annexation area had been built yet (not certain, but believe it will be built when necessary with new development)); and that design plans for the new fire station were not prepared yet (noting that a design charrette was planned for later in the month of May).
- j. The town's goal of encouraging compact and dense development was discussed. It was noted that this goal is not a requirement. The TF recommended that the town figure out what locations make sense to have density.