

November 7, 1927

The Manager stated that this meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the proposal to replant trees on the North side of Franklin Street from Columbia to Henderson Street, which matter was duly discussed at a meeting of the Improvement Committee at 12 Noon on this day. Mr. G. M. Braune, a member of the Improvement Committee, who was very desirous of having trees planted along this street

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill:

On of the things for which Chapel Hill is well known is its beautiful trees not only in the residential section but in the business territory as well. Because of the construction of concrete sidewalks and other improvements it has been necessary to cut down some of the trees. During this reconstruction period it is wise to replant young trees to replace those that have been taken down from time to time, and I am certain that should this policy be carried out, the majority of the people in Chapel Hill will be very well pleased. I appreciate the position of the merchants who are doing business along this street and who do not desire that trees be replanted, but on the other hand I do not feel that they have a justified objection. I am certain that the majority of the citizens of Chapel Hill are favorable to the planting of new trees along this street. I really do not see where the merchants could have a very serious objection because I do not see where the trees would be a material detriment to them. We should view the planting of trees in a reasonable balance. However, because there are places where trees should not be planted and in positions where they might cause real damage to the abutting property owners. I feel that in front of the Post Office trees could be planted without any damage or objection from anyone. This matter should be handled in a reasonable manner and I certainly hope that the Board of Aldermen will vote for the replanting of trees along Franklin Street and not destroying those that are already there.

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In order to bring this matter a little further the Manager presented a petition from the property owners on the North Side of Franklin Street which as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and the Board of Aldermen  
of the Town of Chapel Hill:

We, the undersigned, property owners on the north side of Franklin Street from Columbia to Henderson Street do respectfully petition your Honorable Body to remove from the said North side of Franklin Street within the limits designated all the trees which are now on the said sidewalk, in connection with the improvements being carried on consisting of the construction of concrete sidewalks and the installation of a lighting system. This petition signed by R. L. Strowd, S. Berman, M. W. Durham, Mrs. S. M. Pickard, S. J. Brockwell.

Several of the property owners were present and joined in the discussion. Dr. Coker stated that he had investigated the situation and that there was a type of tree known as the "Tree of Heaven" which would grow under the conditions which trees would be subject to within this area, and that the cost of planting trees would be very small. There was much general discussion by the members of the Board and the citizens present. Upon motion of Alderman Cannon, seconded by Alderman Burch, the following resolution was duly adopted, all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor, said resolution being as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

SECTION 1. That the Manager is hereby instructed to plant on the North side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets, new trees which are to be placed approximately 50 ft. apart and in such a manner as not to interfere with the proposed lighting standard.

SECTION 2. That blocks shall be left out of the concrete sidewalk adjacent to the curb for this purpose.

SECTION 3. That Dr. W. C. Coker is hereby requested with the Manager and the Improvement Committee in this matter.



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The Manager then brought up for consideration the condition of the trees which had been left standing on North side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets, and suggested that it would possibly be better to remove the elm tree in front of the Berman Store. There was much general discussion and Dr. Coker stated that he felt that the tree would live, and in time become a beautiful tree. There was no action taken in regard to this matter.

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Rev. Eugene Olive, who was present, brought up for consideration the condition of a concrete driveway which had been constructed for him on Vance Street and stated that the same was so steep that it was very hard to drive in his property. The Manager stated that Contractor had been instructed to replace this driveway, and that it was thought that it would be done within the very near future.

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There being no further business the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Zeb. P. Council, Mayor

*Irving Johnson* Clerk