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MINUTES OF A PUBLIC FORUM  
FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING THE 1985-90  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM, HELD BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1984, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Joseph L. Nassif called the meeting to order.

Council Members present were:

Winston Broadfoot  
Jonathan Howes  
Beverly Kawalec  
David Pasquini  
Nancy Preston  
R. Dee Smith  
Bill Thorpe

Council Member Marilyn Myers Boulton was absent.

Also present were: Town Manager David R. Taylor, Assistant Town Managers Sonna Loewenthal and Ronald A. Secrist and Town Attorney Grainger R. Barrett. Mayor Nassif recognized Town Manager David R. Taylor who presented an overview of the capital improvements program.

Manager Taylor stated that the Council by resolution in August of 1984 set forth a process for developing the Capital Improvements Program for 1985-90. The purpose of this Forum was to receive capital improvement requests from the community. Manager Taylor said the Council would be holding a public forum on the Town's operating budget for 1985-86 on November 12. At that time, the Manager will also present to the Council a preliminary capital improvements program. Manager Taylor informed Council that over eighty (80) letters were sent to public interest groups, advisory boards and other citizens notifying them of this evening's public forum.

Mayor Nassif stated that this public forum was to receive citizens comments and suggestions on the preparation of the 1985-90 Capital Improvements Program. Mayor Nassif opened the floor for citizen comments.

Ms. Judy Jones, representing the Estes Hills School PTA Board expressed concern over the safety of children getting to and from the Estes and Phillips Schools and Phillips Park. Ms. Jones requested that sidewalks be constructed on the northside of Estes Drive to Airport Road and along Airport Road to Piney Mountain Road. She also expressed the PTA's concern over the pedestrian crossings at the intersections of Curtis and Clayton and Curtis and Elliott Roads.

Elizabeth Barrow, speaking as a citizen, requested extension of existing bikepaths along Airport and Estes Drives and the provision of adequate greenways to Weaver Dairy Road. Ms. Barrow felt it was important that bikeway, greenway and sidewalk developments in the north side of Town receive high priority from the Council.

Marjorie Swenson, representing the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library, spoke in support of the construction of a new library facility.

Lisa Price, Chairman, of the Board of Trustees of the Chapel Hill Public Library, requested Council give priority to a new 16,000 square foot library and retain the existing library as a branch facility.

Ms. Eleanor Winfries, a member of the National Education Association and North Carolina Association of Educators, spoke in support of a larger public library with a larger book collection.

Mr. Dick Richardson, President of the PTA Council of Chapel Hill and Carrboro spoke in support of a new public library.

Mr. Lee House, 568 Piney Mountain Road, spoke in support of paving Emily Road, Farrington Drive, Partin Street and Martha Lane. Mr. House

also said that the lower Piney Mountain Road area has insufficient lighting, little police visibility, speculative fire protection and inadequate sewerage and water capabilities.

Ms. Mildred Council, a Chapel Hill citizen requested increased police protection in the Martha Lane and Emily Road areas and the paving of the roads as mentioned by Mr. House.

Mr. William Perry, a resident of Martha Lane, requested paving of that street.

Ms. Adele Thomas, a Chapel Hill citizen spoke in support of a new larger library to be located in a central location of Town.

Ms. Lynn Cox, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission supported the preservation of open space and asked Council to give priority to the acquisition and development of a new neighborhood park in the North Forest Hills area, a southern community park and greenways. Ms. Cox also stated that there is a high demand for picnic shelters in parks such as Umstead, Community Center, and Cedar Falls; a need for hard surface court areas in Cedar Falls Park; a wading pool at the Community Center adjacent to the indoor-outdoor swimming pool; and consideration of development of the former Carlyle Property located along Bolin Creek.

Mr. Lightning Brown, Chair of the Town Task Force on Greenways requested Council provide an immediate allocation for a study of greenways in Chapel Hill. Greenways could connect community facilities, schools, recreation areas and neighborhoods as well as provide floodplain protection. Mr. Brown suggested the development of a greenway along Bolin Creek be considered in conjunction with the scheduled replacement of the Bolin Creek sewer line by OWASA.

Ms. Gina Cunningham, Chair of the Town Task Force on Entranceways, recommended that Council seek a bond referendum in 1985 to beautify Town entranceways.

Council Members Smith and Thorpe said they felt that a new Council Chamber was needed.

Mayor Nassif asked the Manager about the status of a revised street lighting plan for the Town. Manager Taylor responded that staff would be presenting a proposed street lighting policy to the Council prior to the end of the year.

Mr. Taylor suggested that there were other potential capital improvement projects that had been previously discussed or identified that were not brought up in this public forum. He stated the items discussed this evening, in addition to the projects previously identified would be considered in the development of a preliminary Capital Improvements Program which will be presented to the Council on November 12.

COUNCIL MEMBER HOWES MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KAWALEC, TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS. (9:20 p.m.)

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. (10:15 pm.)

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Joseph L. Nassif, Mayor

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Robin G. Rankin, Deputy Town Clerk