

**MINUTES
TOWN OF CARRBORO
ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
TOWN HALL – ROOM 110
February 13, 2019
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**



Members present: Chairman Bob Saunders, Tanya Jisa, David Gange, David Darr, Bill Thompson, and Dan Mayer. Staff and Board Liaisons present Annette Stone, Rande Haven-O'Donnell and Sammy Slade

1. Joint meeting with the Arts Committee to discuss memorial for Beven Ramsey

There was a brief joint meeting of the ESC where staff updated the committees on plans thus far for Beven Ramsey's life celebration memorial. The event will be held in the Century Center on March 17th from 2 – 4 p.m. Staff will continue to work with the planning committee on a program for the event.

2. Consider minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting

There was a motion by Jisa and seconded by Gange to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. There Chairman then introduced two new member candidates Mark Vandegrift and Jack Morraco.

3. Staff/Commission Updates

a) Update on Community Appearance Report – Stone reported that the report had been shared with the Town Manager. The Manager convened a meeting of the Public Works, Planning and Economic Development Departments to review the report. Town staff will start working toward correcting issues brought up in the report and report back to the ESC at a later date. Porto stated he could see that some of the issues were being addressed and discussed an overall policy that strategically how we can make Carrboro a more walkable and accessible community. Slade mentioned this issues should be a part of Public Works on-going work plan. Haven-O'Donnell discussed the possibility of a general inspector for the Town who would be their job to create punch list of appearance issues.

b) Review Loan Portfolio - Stone shared the most current report on the loan portfolios. The ESC asked staff to reach out to the Town Attorney about changing the guidelines for ways the loan funds can be used in the future. There were three basic questions 1) how can we change the grant agreement with the state, 2) what is our ability to write-off loans, i.e Gibson loan, 3) is there a more creative use of the funds i.e. equity position vs a loan. The ESC asked staff to check fund balances of the loans.

c) February Economic Development Report – Stone presented the report to the ESC. There was a question about the implementation of the parking study. Staff stated the

implementation was on-going with the development of the wayfinding system and that the planning for the 203 Project would greatly inform parking in the downtown. Slade challenged the ESC to help think about ways to incentivize private lot owners to share parking for public purposes. There was a general discussion of ways technology could be implemented to better manage parking and the need for a parking deck. Haven O'Donnell stated that the business community had expressed an interest in maintaining the free parking in the downtown.

d) After-Edu Hours Update – the Chairman will check on times in April or May for this event since the ESC and Arts Committee are focusing on an event in March in memory of Beven Ramsey.

The ESC then adjourned at 8:40 p.m.