

County, Carrboro Discuss Land Use

Plans for a 3,400-acre land tract that will prevent urban sprawl should be finished by this summer, officials say.

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Commissioners continued work Tuesday night to protect Carrboro's Northern Study Area from urban sprawl.

They discussed amendments to the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance on Tuesday that would regulate the development of the residential and farm land

that lies at and beyond Carrboro's northern border.

Last week the two boards set a goal to finish plans for the development of the 3,400-acre tract of land by this summer to regulate growth.

One issue addressed Tuesday was open space.

"I just can't be amazed enough at how you all have done this open space. It's really admirable," Commissioner



Carrboro Alderman **Alex Zaffron** said the boards needed to introduce the plan to residents.

Margaret Brown said.

Carrboro's plan includes maintaining open space in residential areas while concentrating density in mixed-use development villages. It also includes restrictions against development in forest areas and around major roads to preserve the land's scenic nature, Carrboro planner Patricia McGuire said.

"We're talking about taking density away from the areas we want to protect and putting it in places that can support more density," Mayor Mike Nelson said.

Carrboro has also set up "good neighbor standards," which would control lighting, parking, noise and related issues in commercial development so they can be tied in to residential space.

Despite the boards' agreement on

these issues, the county had concerns to address before the plan is finalized and opened for public hearing.

Orange County Planning Director Craig Benedict said the county wanted to save space for recreation parks.

There are also concerns about adequate roads and transportation for the newly developed areas, he said.

Alderman Alex Zaffron said the boards needed to complete the plan so they could introduce it to the residents who were needed to make it work.

Zaffron said, "I think in order to build community support, it's time to open this process up."

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and evidence, like skid marks, do not prove that the driver was traveling on a public road, then DWI laws are hard to enforce.

Pressley said this legal philosophy came from the way the state granted driver's licenses. He said the state allowed people to drive as long as they obeyed the laws but could only place restrictions on streets that were maintained and regulated by the state or a municipality.

He said single-owner homes were almost always private. But if the house had an apartment built on to it, it was closer to public. And if the house had a multi-dwelling apartment with a drive way for tenants to use, that was closer still to public.

As for the Zeta house accident, Pressley said that was somewhere in the middle. "This is in the area between the single house and public area," he said.

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Caison said protecting the computers in the computer labs had not been a problem. "The virus was a minimal problem for us since Norton came out with the anti-virus," he said.

Graham said anyone with questions should contact the IT Resource Center.

"The best thing to do is for people to call here and go to our shareware page and update their anti-virus system."

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WOMEN'S RUGBY

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Crech said that she could not get enough of the sport. "You get small injuries here and there, but rugby is by far the most addictive sport I've ever played," she said.

As a full contact sport, rugby involves no padding and a lot of tackling while players try to advance the ball into the opponent's end zone.

"It's a mixture of soccer and football," Edgerton said. "To score, you have to touch the ball to the ground."

Edgerton credited some of the team's success to its size. "Because our school is so big, we get a lot of girls to play, and we can keep a lot of girls."

But an abundance of players is not the only reason the team has done well, team members said.

Crech said, "We have a really dedicated coaching staff and a lot of individual ability."

Crech said that without Calhoun and the assistant coaches, the women would not have met such success.

Edgerton said she was pleased with the performance of her team this year. "Rugby is a great sport, and we have all done really well."

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CONGRESS

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Speaker Morayo Orija hugged many of the honored and laughed. "This is the wildest thing I've ever seen in my life."

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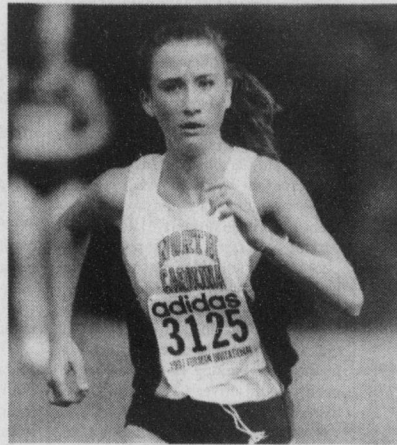
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