

Council debates shelter, McDonald House

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Development of a local Ronald McDonald House and an Inter-Faith Council shelter for the homeless has been delayed because the Chapel Hill Town Council decided Monday night that the facilities need further study before zoning regulations can be clarified.

The Ronald McDonald House would provide temporary housing for families of patients being treated at local hospitals. The Inter-Faith Council shelter would provide a place for the homeless.

Town Manager David R. Taylor and the Human Services Advisory Board are to reconsider the purpose and the parking and traffic implications of each facility before the council can rule on them. They also plan to study how safe such facilities are when placed in local neighborhoods.

The council will then decide whether the facilities should obtain special use permits to build in residential areas or if they can only be constructed in commercial zones.

Planning Director Roger Walden questioned regulating the length of each occupant's stay in the units, whether professional facilities would be required or prohibited, and what constituted special uses in certain districts.

"Our thrust was to allow more autonomy to the units as non-profit businesses who could manage their own business," said Alice Ingram, planning board chairman.

Following debate about rewording the Ronald McDonald House recommendation, council member Nancy Preston requested discussion about the "sort of people" the Inter-Faith shelter would accommodate in relation to the surrounding neighborhood.

Jacqueline Gist, shelter coordinator, said a large portion of those helped by the existing facility were financially distressed. While some are alcoholics, others are "healthy people who just can't make it," she said.

In response to Preston's question about whether disruptions could be controlled in such a shelter, Gist said, "Once it's clear that they (certain residents) are trouble . . . they're out."

"We (the council) ought to give serious thought to putting in our ordinance that shelters could be in residential areas," Preston said.

"I don't have trouble with the Ronald McDonald House, but I do with the shelters," she said.

Council member Bill Thorpe said he supported the special use permit in certain locations, and councilman David Pasquini suggested additional research on the impact of each facility if placed in a neighborhood setting.

R.D. Smith, another council member, said he hated to see either the Ronald McDonald House or the shelter condemned because of possible safety problems to surrounding territory.

"I think there is an element of danger in every house," he said. "We ought to be compassionate enough to think about those people less fortunate than we are."

Mayor Joe Nassif stressed the need for both units in Chapel Hill, but said he did not want "to hassle a special use permit when that won't be the design."

If they are to be commercially zoned or need other special provisions otherwise then that is what should be stated, he said. "You can't put them out in the boonies because that's not where they want to be," Nassif said.

Second on the agenda was a hearing about a special use permit for construction of 72 units on the east side of Hillsborough Street, south of Bolinwood Drive.

The 14 requested acres for the project are zoned residential and resource conservation, so the council expressed concern over the amount of natural site destruction as well as traffic safety, sanitation services and storm water control for the multi-family units.

Permit applicant John McAdams of Mill Race Associates said he felt the developers had done the best job possible considering the site's hilly terrain and surrounding trees.

The council, however, had doubts and approved a motion by Pasquini to refer the design back to Taylor and the developers for further changes in response to the council's concerns.

Harris indicted on murder, rape charges by grand jury

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An Orange County grand jury indicted Alton Eugene Harris Monday on charges of murder and attempted rape in the March 16 stabbing death of a UNC sophomore.

Harris, 20, was indicted in the murder of 19-year-old Freshteh Golkho, who was stabbed to death in her apartment at J-1 Royal Park Apartments in Carrboro.

Last week, District Attorney Carl Fox said evidence released during a 2½-hour probable cause hearing last Wednesday linked Harris to Golkho's death.

Fox said blood found on Harris' shoes and clothing matched Golkho's blood type. He also said Harris' fingerprints were found on the victim's apartment window.

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newspaper.

Team member Peter Weiss, a senior chemistry major from Rosalyn Heights, N.Y., said the weirdest question the team encountered concerned the location of Mount Mitchell.

Weller was the only undergraduate coach present at all the competitions the team entered this year. Most teams, she said, have either a graduate student or a faculty member as the team's organizer and advisor.

Members of the UNC College Bowl team are team captain Blair Haworth,

At that hearing, a Carrboro police investigator testified that Harris said he owned a wallet found a foot away from Golkho's body.

Golkho had been stabbed 18 times, and part of her clothing had been stripped from her body, police reports and photographs revealed at the hearing.

Police found an 18-inch butcher knife beneath a pile of bloody clothing near Golkho's body, investigator John Butler testified.

At that hearing, the victim's sister testified that Harris and Golkho did not get along. She said Harris was dating one of her sister's roommates at the time of Golkho's death, and that Golkho objected to Harris spending too many nights in the apartment.

Fox said the case would probably be tried this summer.

a senior history and physics major from Jamestown; Keith Brown, a graduate student in political science from Roanoke, Ala.; Jeff Carnes, a graduate student in classics from Detroit; Adam Falk, a sophomore physics major from Chapel Hill; and Weiss.

Low crime rate reported during festive concert weekend

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Despite the large amount of people and alcohol present during Burnout and Springfest, crime problems were minimal this past weekend, said Captain Ralph Pendergraph of the Chapel Hill police.

"I think they (the officers) did as well as they could with those numbers," he said.

Six DWI arrests were made between Friday and Sunday according to police records. Three of those charged are UNC students.

Most of the six arrests originated from the two festivals because a substantial amount of alcohol flowed at both the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house (Burnout) and Connor beach (Springfest), Pendergraph said.

The biggest problem, however, occurred around 3:30 a.m. Saturday when police were called to assist in removing people from the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity house, he said.

An outdoor mud wrestling competition had attracted a number of uninvited guests, and DKE members wanted the area cleared, Pendergraph said, adding that no one pressed charges.

"I think it was very poor planning on the part of fraternity folks," he said.

Although Pendergraph said he did not know how the fraternity members could have handled the situation better, he said they should have anticipated the wrestling event's ability to draw an unusual crowd.

"I think it is a good thing for folks planning events that will be in the public

scrutiny to consider what to do with uninvited people," Pendergraph said. "Anything like an outdoor mud wrestling pit lends itself to people you don't want."

Another problem facing the police was the malfunction of their primary radio frequency, he said. The police had to transmit on the same frequency as the fire department.

"Officers were out of service for 10 to 15 minutes dealing with drunks, and we wouldn't know because we couldn't transmit at the same time as the fire department," Pendergraph said.

While many students either walked or made driving arrangements for Burnout and Springfest, the concerts brought in a high number of off-campus and underage drinkers, he said.

"I heard that the numbers of people at each event were about the same as last year or a little smaller," Pendergraph said.

However, because more cars were parked on public property this year than during past concerts, he estimated a larger attendance by out-of-town visitors.

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