

Developers worry about tree ordinance

By AMY GRUBBS
Staff Writer

Trees deserve protection, but not at the cost of affordable housing. Pete Thorn of the Homebuilders Association of Chapel Hill and Durham said Tuesday.

Thorn said he is concerned the stronger new Chapel Hill tree ordinance will increase developers' costs and, in turn, those costs will be passed on to the homebuyer.

The city should simply set a minimum standard for tree protection during development and inspect the different builders each month, Thorn said.

"I think the private market could be more effectively used," he said.

Those doing the best job would get the highest rating, and the competition would make each builder strive

to do a better job, he said.

This approach would yield "more results with much less expense," Thorn said.

"We don't want to be negative toward trees. We like trees," he said. "We are considering the practical point of view."

One of the more controversial aspects of the ordinance is the part that calls for a landscape management supervisor to be at development sites at all times.

Dave Rosler, of the Chapel Hill planning department, said the landscape management supervisor would protect the trees at a construction site.

This supervisor does not have to be a professional, but he would have the authority to tell other construction workers not to do something that might harm trees, Rosler said.

The landscape management supervisor would ensure that no trees were inadvertently bulldozed, Rosler said. The supervisor would also see that the roots of vegetation were protected by removing heavy building materials which are placed under the trees, he said.

The supervisor would also maintain protection fences surrounding the trunks of trees to help them survive development, Rosler said.

Tom Perry, a consultant from the N.C. State School of Forestry who helped write the ordinance, said at a public hearing Monday that continuous on-site inspection is essential for the success of the ordinance.

But the landscape management supervisor title is overstated, and the position is an easy one to fill, Perry said. The position can be filled by

a worker on the site who has been trained by the town, he said.

"I can take an intelligent sixth grader and prepare him for this job in half a day," he said.

Bob Anderson, a city planning consultant in Chapel Hill, said the effectiveness of the ordinance is questionable.

"They're getting carried away with an objective that's good," Anderson said.

Almost 60 percent of Chapel Hill's land is not covered in the ordinance because one and two family homes and University property are not included, he said.

"What makes a tree less valuable on single family property?" Anderson said.

"Developers are always the bad guy," he said, "but they know trees are important. They aren't anti-tree."

Rosler said the impact of the new ordinance could be great because a large tract of undeveloped land north of Chapel Hill will be developed using Chapel Hill's building codes.

The land is officially county-owned, but through an intergovernmental project between Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County, it was decided that the Chapel Hill developing regulations will be used there.

UNC radio station elects new manager

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WXYC, UNC's student-funded radio station, will experience a changing of the guard with the election of Cheryl Parker as new station manager.

Parker, a 1986 UNC graduate, was elected by the Student Educational Broadcasting Board (SEBB), a non-profit N.C. organization made up of students and community members whose purpose is to hold the license for WXYC.

Parker, who has been with WXYC for four years, became a WXYC disc jockey in her sophomore year. She was chief announcer in her senior year and served as an interim summer station manager in 1986.

Parker said she plans to continue most of the existing station policies and wishes to improve student awareness of WXYC.

"I want to keep things running smoothly by maintaining the level of excellence the station already has," Parker said. "There are always little things you want to improve on, like jock participation and just working on the record library," she said.

"I also want to make the campus more aware of WXYC," Parker said. "A lot of people know it exists, but they do not know where it is or anything about it."

Staff members expressed positive feelings about Parker's appointment.

"I think she will do a really good job," present WXYC station man-

ager Jason Bott said. "She knows the station really well, so I think she will be really successful as station manager."

Steve Balcom, WXYC's music director, said, "I think it's a great appointment. I'm 100 percent behind her."

Balcom also mentioned Parker's rapport with the staff. "She has a great relationship with the jocks," he said. "Her personality will motivate people to do their best."

Disc jockey Becky Sillmon said Parker is a knowledgeable, experienced worker.

"She will do a good job," Sillmon said. "She has been an interim station manager a couple of summers ago, when the station manager was out of town. Therefore, she has had a little bit of experience knowing what her duties are. She is really knowledgeable about music."

Parker's election required her to submit an application to the SEBB, said Bill Burton, chairman of the SEBB Board of Directors.

Along with the application, the board's nomination committee and the Board of Directors interviewed Parker, Burton said.

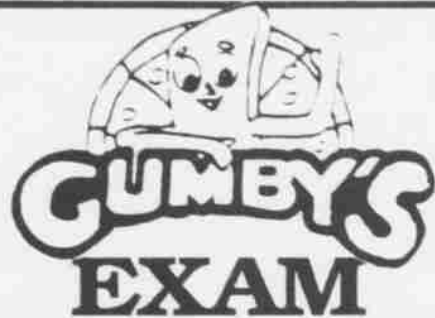
Parker competed against one other candidate in her bid for the position.

As station manager, Parker will receive a monthly salary of about \$66, Bott said.

"It's not a huge amount, considering the hours you put into it," Bott said. "It's been pretty much the same since the late '70s."

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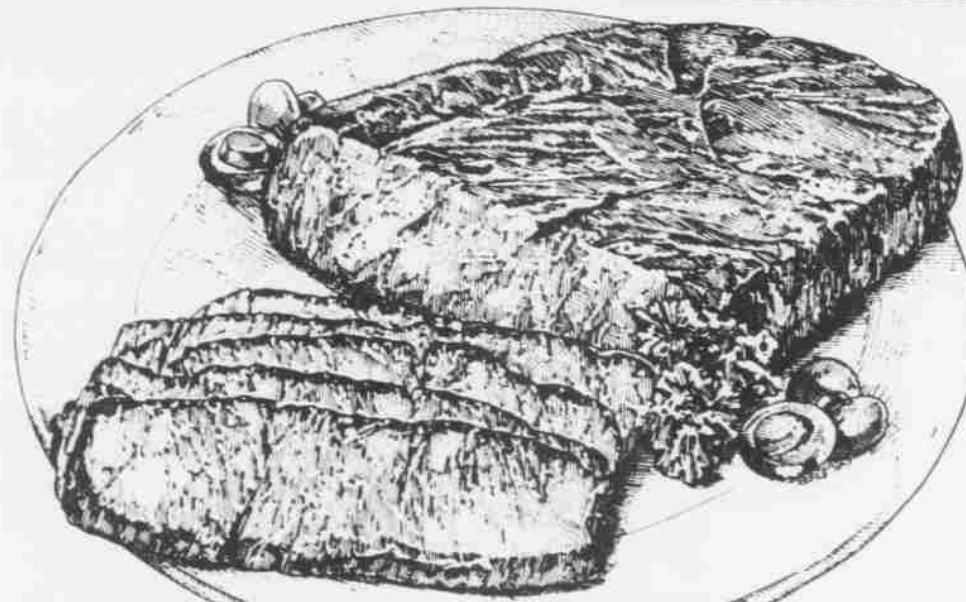
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Back to the beach: Avalon to host music awards show

From staff reports

Beach bums, take notice!

General admission tickets for the 1988 Beach Music Awards Show will go on sale April 26 for \$20 or \$30 each.

The show, which is produced by Beach Productions, Inc., will be held at the Smith Center on Sunday, June 5, at 2 p.m. and will honor beach music artists and performers.

Frankie Avalon will host the show, and special guests will include Lou Rawls, James Brown and The Impressions.

Other performers will include The Embers, Ammon Tharp and Fat Ammon's Band, The Tams, The Entertainers, J.D. Cash, Delbert McClinton, Archie Bell and Bill Deal.

The show will be videotaped for national television syndication. It will also be recorded in order to produce a 1988 Beach Music Awards tape and album as has been done in the past.

The shag, the official dance of beach music, will be featured, with dance segments by the winners of a five-state shag competition.

Amateur, novice and professional class shag dancers from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee competed at Red's Beach Club in Raleigh April 10. They were judged on smoothness, degree

of difficulty, repertoire and togetherness, and more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes was awarded. The five finalists in each category will perform at the show.

In addition, music promoter Cecil Corbett will be the guest of honor, and will be presented the Jackie Wilson Lifetime Achievement Award. Corbett was selected by the 1988 Beach Music Awards Board of Governors for his renowned association and personal attributes and achievements in the music world.

In addition to the awards show, J.D. Cash, vice president of Beach Productions, Inc., announced they will also be offering a special three-day weekend party package at the Raleigh Hotel and Convention Center June 3 to 5 to a limited number of over-21 VIPs.

Special activities for the VIPs will include parties with the performers throughout the weekend, plus pool parties and champagne brunches. They will also receive special seating at the Smith Center.

VIP packages are \$225 and can be purchased now by calling 781-1181.

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