

# CITY

## Northside residents propose conservation district for area

By ERIK ROGERS  
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill's Northside district may not be as utopian as Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, but area residents still want to preserve the community by creating a conservation district.

A conservation district is "an area which the community feels worthy of conservation or protection," said Chris Berndt, long-range planning coordinator for Chapel Hill.

A public hearing will be held Monday, Oct. 1 to discuss the issue at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The boundaries for the Northside neighborhood's proposed district include the Carrboro city limit sign and Rosemary, Columbia and McMasters streets.

"This is a neat neighborhood and we want to keep it that way," said spokeswoman Estelle Mabry, a resident of Pritchard Avenue.

The area contains primarily single-family homes, and this is one of the main images the residents want to preserve.

In addition, many of the residents feel threatened by the potential influx of students to the area, said Donna Bell, a UNC graduate student whose city regional class will draw up the plans for the proposed district. The class, taught by professor William Rohe, will work in conjunction with the Chapel Hill

Planning Department on the proposed plans.

Northside is one of the few remaining areas where blacks and whites live together in Chapel Hill, and residents would like for the neighborhood to remain mixed — another reason for the proposed conservation district, Bell said.

The installment of a conservation district possibly would help alleviate some problems in the area, like parking and unlit street lights, Mabry and other

residents said. Originally, some of the residents considered making the neighborhood a historic district, but the plan never developed because of strict zoning laws.

"Under a historic district, an individual would have to go to a governing body to have his house changed," Bell said.

Maintaining the upkeep of old buildings is the reason for a historic

district, but old structures are not needed to install a conservation district. Buildings within a historic district must meet federal guidelines, but a conservation district is town-designated, Mabry said.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Julie Andresen said she was impressed with the proposal.

"It (the conservation district) is a useful tool to build neighborhood character on," she said.

## Federal budget problems may affect Chapel Hill

By KRIS DONAHUE  
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A possible nationwide recession, combined with University budget problems, leaves Chapel Hill's economic future uncertain.

The situation is new for Chapel Hill, whose economy is usually protected by the buffer UNC provides, Mayor Jonathan Howes said.

"We like to think that we are recession-proof here," he said.

However, if the state fails to raise revenues, the town may find it is not so recession-proof, he added.

"But it may be the peaks and valleys are not felt as much here," Howes said.

David Taylor, president of the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, said that although a recession would adversely affect the local economy, Chapel Hill and Orange County would not be hurt as much as other parts of the state.

"Our major industry is the University," Taylor said. "Its employment base is more secure."

However, budget problems at UNC have left the base less stable than usual.

"We are going to definitely feel a recession more than we have felt a re-

cession in the past," Taylor said.

Specifically, he predicted that the rate of business growth would probably slow down and that fewer businesses would take big chances for the next couple of years. Businesses will also be looking internally to find ways to increase efficiency.

Jim Baker, town finance director, said it was hard to predict what would happen to Chapel Hill in a recession, except in general terms.

"I think that past experience has shown that when we've had a recession, Chapel Hill has been less affected (than other parts of the state)," Baker said. "It

(UNC) is probably a little better-insulated than other businesses would be."

He said residents might expect revenues to decline and the cost for services to increase in the future.

Michael Stegman, professor of city and regional planning, said that even though the University would be less affected than other businesses in the state, budget problems were a local reflection of a slow-down in the economy in general.

"We've already essentially cut our non-personnel budget," he said. "We're going to be more affected by what happens in the state."

## Souter wins confirmation from Senate committee

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of New Hampshire jurist David Souter to the Supreme Court on Thursday with but one dissenting vote. The full Senate is expected to confirm him easily but not before the court begins its fall term on Monday.

Democrats as well as Republicans on the committee said they saw in President Bush's nominee a brilliant legal scholar and a man of good temperament and integrity. Only Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., voted against him, saying he feared Souter would "solidify a 5-4 anti-civil-rights, anti-privacy majority."

Howell Heflin, a conservative Alabama Democrat whose opposition helped kill the 1987 Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork, said he liked Souter's "clearheaded approach" and lack of an ideological agenda.

Added Howard Metzbaum, D-Ohio: "My sense is that David Souter is a fair and open-minded jurist who

knows well the weight of the responsibilities which will be placed upon him."

Full Senate confirmation of Souter, who could provide the swing vote on many issues before the divided court, seemed assured.

Bush hailed the action and repeated his request that the Senate "act as quickly as possible to confirm this man" so he could be seated when the court begins its new session.

A vote was unlikely before next week, however, officials and others close to the situation indicated.

One factor was the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur which was interrupting Congress' schedule Friday. And Biden and other Democrats were loathe to waive rules that give senators time before voting to review a committee's findings.

Souter, 51, thanked committee leaders and members "for their courtesy and consideration. I am gratified by their action. I await the decision of the full Senate."

## Campus Calendar

FRIDAY  
Noon: CGLA will hold a Lesbian Lunch in 218 Union.

12:30 p.m.: The Institute for Research in Social Science will hold "SAS IML (Matrix Program Language)," an IRSS Faculty Seminar, in 2 Manning until 1:30 p.m.

5 p.m.: Carolina Fever announces that members should meet in front of Kenan Field House to put out pom-poms. We have 50,000 to put out, so be there! Many points and tons of fun!

6:30 p.m.: The African Student Association invites you to our meeting in 220 Union until 7:30 p.m. Agenda: new elections, international festival and plans for the academic year.

8 p.m.: The Ebony Readers/Onyx Theater will perform at the Cabaret. Please attend and enjoy literary performance at its finest! This will be followed by Soul Expression, an urban contemporary jazz band.

SATURDAY  
7 a.m.: Carolina Fever members meet on Navy Field to make balloon arches. Bring coffee and nimble fingers; we need help! (Many, many points!)

1:30 p.m.: The UNC vs. N.C. State Blue Blitz football game kicks off. Everyone in the stands please wear BLUE! We need a campuswide/alumni-wide effort!

10 p.m.: The Carolina Union Activities Board brings you The Veldt, one of the area's hottest and fastest rising bands, in the Cabaret. Tickets are \$2 and are available at the Union desk.

SUNDAY  
11 a.m.: The UNC Gaming Club will meet in 210 Union.

1:15 p.m.: Carolina Fever announces a targeted non-revenue men's soccer game. Meet at the bank

machines with \$1.20 bus fare to Finley.  
3:30 p.m.: Project Literacy-KIDSREAD will have a training session in 211 Union. All those who signed up at the Project Literacy meeting must attend to be able to participate in KIDSREAD.

5 p.m.: ModernExtension will have company class. Company members who wish to choreograph should come prepared for auditions to be held after class. Remember to bring your favorite dish (no salads!) for the potluck supper.

ITEMS OF INTEREST  
Carolina Athletic Association announces that applications for Homecoming Queen are available at the Union desk and CAA Office. They are due October 3 at noon.

The Carolina Athletic Association announces that applications for the Mr. UNC Contest are available at the Union desk and CAA Office. They are due Monday, October 1.

Everyone attending the UNC/NC State game this Saturday is asked to wear blue and make the game a BLUE BLITZ! Carolina Fever members are reminded that they will not receive a ticket for this game if not wearing a blue shirt (preferably a Fever T-shirt). Shirts are still available in the office.

The University Counseling Center announces that an Interracial Relationships Support Group will be offered beginning in October. The group will offer a supportive, confidential and nonjudgmental environment to explore unique issues encountered in interracial relationships (e.g. societal disapproval, cultural differences and similarities, conflicting feelings, etc.). For more information, call 962-2175.

PlayMakers Repertory Company will present the Southeastern premiere of "Nothing Sacred," by Canadian playwright George F. Walker, Oct. 24-Nov. 11 at the Paul Green Theatre in Chapel Hill. For more information, call 962-PLAY.

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