

Aldermen Decide To Pursue Subsidies

Several aldermen have some reservations about supporting Alderman Mark Dorosin's subsidy proposals.

By Heather Apple
Staff Writer

Carrboro officials say they want to move forward with a plan to provide affordable housing for town employees. The Carrboro Board of Aldermen decided at its regular business meeting Tuesday night to investigate community interest and financing options for a housing subsidy program proposed by Alderman Mark Dorosin.

"(Living in the town) helps strengthen the relationships between the entity of the town and the citizens," Dorosin said.

Of the 137 employees that work in Carrboro, 18 live in the town — 13 percent. Dorosin has submitted four different plans for the housing subsidy proposal, including the Individual Development Accounts program, in which the town will match funds saved by individual employees.

Several aldermen backed Dorosin's proposals with slight reservation.

Alderman Diana McDuffee asked Dorosin what the next steps would be and requested more information, but said she wanted to move forward with the plan.

"I think it's really worth exploring," McDuffee said.

But McDuffee said she was concerned about the town taking responsibility for employees' housing.

"I hesitate to want to see us in the position of holding a second mortgage on someone's home," she said.

Alderman Joal Broun also said she was concerned about taking such a big responsibility. She said she was not sure if the town had the financial capabilities

to fund the program.

"I think it's a great idea," Broun said. "The cons are in funding it and setting it up properly so we won't be in the business of foreclosing on employees' properties. "The ability to do it will be our largest and greatest challenge."

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist proposed a collaboration with Chapel Hill, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools System and Carrboro to prevent future tax increases that could be implemented to fund the program.

"I feel uncomfortable making it difficult for one group of people to live in Carrboro to make it easier for others," Gist said. "I think theoretically it's a good idea. It's a way to bring and keep good people in our staff."

Gist said the three governing bodies could work through a local organization such as the Orange Community Housing Corporation to look at ways to solve this problem.

Alderman Allen Spalt said that because of rising property costs, some town employees simply could not afford to live in Carrboro.

"The price of a lot has doubled in Carrboro over the last 15 years," Spalt said. "I worry that the price (of housing) has escalated so that it will take more than just a little bit of help."

A typical lot costs between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Spalt said that if employees lived in the town, they could take advantage of the system schools and be closer to work.

Even though the findings of the research being conducted for each plan will not be ready until next month, Dorosin said he hopes to get the project under way within this budget cycle.

"I'm interested in seeing this thing move forward as quickly as possible."

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icism of some faculty for advocating a nonmilitary response to the attacks.

"A lot of faculty members have been accused of supporting the terrorists for their commitment to open discussion," Heuer said. "This would make it clear that we condemn the terrorism."

But one member said the resolution

should not be approved until it included requests for the administration to take preventive measures against future attacks. "I don't see anything in this proposing some alternative action by the University to prepare for such attacks," the member said.

A motion to table and rewrite the resolution passed 21-9.

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MEMORIAL

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structed, Brannock said there was a campus police officer stationed at the site 24 hours a day. But after the first week, there were no extra measures taken to ensure the safety of the monument.

Students viewing and sitting by the memorial Wednesday said the vandalism wasn't noticeable but said they were

dismayed when they did see it.

"It's not that obvious, but it's still pretty bad that someone did that," said Kaitlin Hocutt, a freshman from Middlesex.

Sandy Greene, a sophomore from Bostic, echoed Hocutt's sentiments. "I think it's really sad that people would try to disfigure or destroy other people's expressions."

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Congress Plans to Fill Vacant Seats

Student Congress members condemned the terrorist attacks and discussed filling vacant seats Tuesday night.

By Joe Monaco
Staff Writer

Student Congress handled matters related to the executive branch of student government and passed resolutions of international scope at the group's Tuesday meeting.

Congress began their meeting by passing a resolution condemning the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

The resolution states that Congress condemns "in the strongest possible terms" the terrorists who planned and carried out the attacks and "commits to encourage the students of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to support the victims, survivors, rescue work-

ers and others in their efforts in New York and Washington."

Congress also passed a resolution condemning racially motivated bigotry and violence in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

Rep. Gregory Wahl, Dist. 1, said Congress passed the resolutions as a statement of their support for the victims of the attack.

"The purpose of resolutions for Student Congress is to show unity behind a cause," Wahl said.

In addition, Student Body President Justin Young presented Congress with his administration's October Report, a detailed description of projects his administration is presently working on or plans to address this semester.

Young discussed the executive branch's involvement with a number of student organizations and causes, including the Carolina Lobby Corps, a group of students trained to lobby their state and local representatives and help make the student voice heard among

lawmakers.

In addition to presenting the report, Young issued an executive order for a special congressional election to fill what has become an overwhelming number of vacant seats in Congress.

The special election will be held Nov. 7, the same day as the Homecoming King and Queen election.

Young said that he and Emily Margolis, Board of Elections chairwoman, decided to schedule the congressional and Homecoming elections on the same day in an effort to increase voter turnout.

Candidates must notify the elections board of their intentions to run for a seat no later than two weeks before the Nov. 7 election.

Young said he is not overly optimistic about the prospects of attracting candidates to fill the vacancies in Congress.

"We're out and about, spreading the word," he said. "But it's tough to get people to run."

In addition, Congress confirmed that

it will have more than enough money to operate and fund student groups for the 2001-02 academic year.

Finance Committee Chair Tony Larson said Congress has more than \$30,000 that can be distributed to student organizations this semester and about the same for the spring semester.

"There is no budget crunch," said Speaker Mark Townsend.

Congress also approved the 10 nominees to the Freshman Focus Council.

"The council is a subset of the executive branch that acts as the liaison between the freshman class and student government," said Kim Sexton, the group's advisor.

The council plans to address a number of issues important to freshmen, including academic advising, the C-TOPS program, cultural diversity on campus and transportation concerns of South Campus residents.

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Former Clinton Aide to Run for U.S. Senate

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Erskine Bowles, the former White House chief of staff for President Clinton, said Wednesday that he will run for the Senate seat being vacated by Jesse Helms.

Bowles, a Charlotte investment banker, said the terrorist attacks last month made him reconsider a decision not to seek elected office.

"What is important now are the concerns of parents who worry about the security of their children, the concerns of working people who worry about the security of their jobs and the concerns of all Americans who are committed to preserving our values, our freedom and our way of life," Bowles said.

He said he didn't "have all the solutions for the challenges we face, but I do believe my experience in business, com-

munity service and government gives me something valuable to my state and my country."

Bowles joins state Rep. Dan Blue and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall in the Democratic primary. GOP candidates include former presidential candidate Elizabeth Dole and former Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot.

Helms, a Republican who has held the seat since 1972, announced in

August that he will not run next year.

His departure has forced the GOP to defend another open seat in its bid to recapture the Senate, where Democrats hold a 50-49 majority, with one independent.

Republicans are defending 20 Senate seats in 2002, including one held by 98-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who has said he will not seek re-election. Democrats are defending 14,

Man Attacks Greyhound Bus Driver, 6 Die in Crash

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, Tenn. — A passenger on a Greyhound bus slashed the driver's throat with a blade, grabbed the wheel and crashed the vehicle Wednesday, killing six of the 41 people aboard and prompting the company to temporarily shut down service across an already jittery nation.

The driver was in stable condition following surgery for a 4- to 5-inch cut on his neck. The 34 others aboard were also injured.

The FBI said the 29-year-old assailant was among the dead. He was identified as Damir Igric, a Croatian who entered the United States in Miami in March 1999 with a one-month visa. He boarded the bus in Chicago.

"He just went up to the bus driver and, like, slit his throat," passenger Carly Rinearson told WTVF-TV of Nashville.

The FBI said Igric was apparently trying to take over the bus.

"We believe he was acting alone," said R. Joe Clark, the FBI's agent in

charge of the Knoxville office. "I would say this was a disturbed individual ... this is not an act of terrorism."

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the name on the man's passport is not on government lists of known terrorists and those sought by the FBI in the Sept. 11

terrorist attacks.

Clark said Igric attacked the driver "with an implement. It was sharp, we'll leave it at that," he said.

The driver told doctors that he was attacked with a box cutter, a device believed to have been used in last month's airliner hijackings.

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