

Public Hearing Explores New Bus Route

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An extra bus route was among the requests residents asked the Chapel Hill Town Council on Tuesday night to include in its budget.

Fifteen residents spoke at Tuesday's public hearing to request money from the town's budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. The budget will be finalized June 10.

Residents will have another opportunity to request funding for projects at a March 26 forum.

The budget is divided into eight sections, including community development, public transportation and housing.

The Rev. Robert Campbell, who spoke on behalf of the Roger Road neighborhood, said he thinks the area

could benefit from additional bus routes and maintenance repairs.

Campbell said adding a bus route to Roger Road would give the neighborhood's children easier access to public libraries and recreational facilities in Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill Transportation Director Mary Lou Kuschatka said a new bus route could be added as soon as August.

Kuschatka said that if Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC agree to the addition of the route, the costs will be shared.

But if Chapel Hill is the only party wanting the route, the town will pay the costs for the first year.

The three parties could split the costs in the following year, if the route is beneficial, Kuschatka said.

"If the route performs up to system

standards the first year, the costs will be shared," she said.

In addition to the bus route, the issue of affordable housing was raised as several nonprofit organizations requested additional funding.

Susan Levy, executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Orange County, spoke at the meeting and requested a \$200,000 community development grant to finance the group's work.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian nonprofit organization that works to build homes for the less fortunate.

"We've been building in this county for a year," Levy said. "We're in the process of purchasing adjacent properties."

Chapel Hill resident Nancy Milio voiced the importance of allocating money from the HOME program to provide affordable housing.

The HOME program funds housing aims to provide low-cost housing within the community. "I urge you to give a real priority in HOME money to affordable rental housing," Milio said. "It benefits families and employers."

The Town Council met briefly fol-

lowing the meeting to discuss ideas for attaining more money and ways to use any excess funds.

Council member Pat Evans asked the council to consider adding a beer and wine tax, which she feels would help raise funds. "Beer and wine consumption is high," Evans said.

Council members will pool their ideas and will draft a recommended budget by April 22.

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Congress Backs Bush on Terrorism

Congress is expressing solidarity with President Bush on his call to press the war on terrorism on new fronts, even if it means ultimately confronting the states Bush named as the "axis of evil."



Karzai Asks for More Peacekeepers

Afghanistan's interim leader asked the United Nations on Wednesday to expand the international force protecting his government, saying it would signal a global commitment to a country brutalized by 23 years of war.

Iran Scoffs at Terror-Sponsor Label

Iran, initially seen as a partner in the war on terror, lashed out Wednesday at being characterized as a terrorism supporter in President Bush's State of the Union speech.

Campus Calendar

Today

5 p.m. - The UNC Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is holding its general body meeting in Union 226. Join the freedom fighters!

Saturday

7 p.m. - The High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Association and Piedmont

Classical Guitar Society present "Doc-A-Billy and Bluegrass Music." The show features Doc Watson, with Richard Watson & Charles Welch, Bluegrass Messengers and Arnie Solomon & Transatlantica in the Dana Auditorium of Guilford College, located at 588 W. Friendly Ave. in Greensboro. For more information, go to www.highlone somestrings.org or call (336) 775-0844.

10 a.m. - Habitat for Humanity is holding a silent auction until 2 p.m. at Chapel of the Cross on East Franklin

Street to benefit the Honduras Work Trip. 1 p.m. - The Department of Physics and Astronomy present the Physics Demonstration Show until 2 p.m. in 215 Phillips Hall. Free to inquisitive minds of all ages.

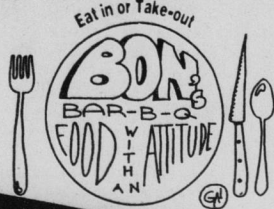
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George Stephanopoulos, ABC News political analyst, best-selling author and former senior adviser to President Clinton, will speak at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in Memorial Hall. This free, public lecture is sponsored by the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication as part of the Park Distinguished Lecturer Series, which features outstanding mass communication professionals.

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