

# Aldermen Refine Vision for Downtown

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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen met Tuesday night to review the Downtown Visioning report and provide direction on what elements of the documents it would like to address.

The report is part of the Vision 2020 plan, a comprehensive guide for developing downtown Carrboro that was created by residents, officials and the commissioned group Walkable Communities. James Harris, Carrboro's community and economic development director, helped the board sort through the plan's documents piece by piece. Together, they broke the projects into two sections: public works and those projects that were "regulatory in nature."

The first section dealt with historical landmarks. Members discussed what could be considered historical properties in the town.

Board member Mark Dorosin warned the board that not everything old can be considered historical. "We have to narrow and be more specific about historical landmarks," he said. "It's the architectural construction of a building that makes something historical."

Parking was also a major concern. While most parking spaces are behind businesses, members want to develop a better parking situation for downtown Carrboro. They discussed joining business back lots, requiring businesses to share lots. Dorosin suggested providing an incentive to businesses who share their parking.

Harris suggested a parking deck, a project the board thinks is important but extremely expensive.

Alderman Jacquelyn Gist also proposed providing an incentive to businesses where employers ask employees to find alternate means of getting to work. "Employees shouldn't drive to work for lots of reasons but mainly to increase parking access. More parking spots increase business as well," Gist said.

Alderman Diana McDuffee recommended creating a parking task force where members would hire private companies to research parking methods to increase the accessibility and spaces in downtown Carrboro. Other parking ideas included increased free and paid street parking with time limits.

The board discussed imposing a sidewalk width requirement, mandating that all sidewalks be 8 feet wide. Brick trim

around the sidewalks also is something the board might require.

The board also expressed concern about the area's poor signage, including pedestrian walks and traffic lights. Members highlighted problem areas in downtown that need increased signage.

The board went on to discuss regulatory issues that require immediate attention from its staff.

Creating a downtown identity is of major concern to the town, and the board is working to improve both the streetscape and landscape master plan.

Mayor Mike Nelson proposed having more benches and garbage cans downtown, as well as increasing flowers and landscaped areas.

While revising the town's look is of major concern, the board showed little interest in any sort of town theme, as cities such as Charlotte and Raleigh have done.

Nelson said, "Carrboro needs to have a personality without rules."

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## Campus Calendar

Today

11 a.m. - Project Literacy, a committee of the **Campus Y**, will be sponsoring a book drive in conjunction with Human Rights Week. We will be accepting donations in the Pit today and Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

noon - The **UNC Safe Zone** presents "Linking Together for Change: Ally Speak Out" in Polk Place - a celebration to show support for the LGBT community at UNC. Speakers include Professor Chuck Stone, Professor Pamela Conover and Marcus Harvey.

6 p.m. - The **Chapel Hill Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence** is sponsoring "Another World is Possible," a fund-raising banquet for global peace and justice, until 9 p.m. at the Carrboro New Century Center on 100 N. Greensboro St.

Enjoy entertainment and international cuisine from Afghanistan, India, the Middle East and beyond. Tickets are \$25 or \$15 for students and are available in advance at Internationalist Books, the Regulator Bookshop and Open Eye Cafe.

7 p.m. - **Campaign to End the Death Penalty** is hosting a panel discussion in 101 Greenlaw Hall on religion and the death penalty featuring representatives from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths.

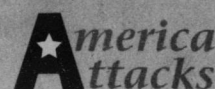
8 p.m. - **Queer Network for Change** is holding a Celebration week safe sex/fun sex workshop: "T&A Q&A" in 224 Union.

8 p.m. - **Company Carolina** and the **Department of Communications Studies** present "Killer Diller," which will be performed at Swain Hall. Tickets are free. Adapted by Paul Ferguson from the best-selling novel by Clyde Edgerton, this musical production pre-

## Developments in the War on Terrorism

### Rumsfeld: Captive Won't Be Tortured

Interrogators of the most senior al-Qaida figure in U.S. custody intend to draw "every single thing out of him" that might head off terrorist acts, but they will not torture Abu Zubaydah, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Wednesday.



### Embassy Bombing Suspect Pleads Guilty in Prison Guard Stabbing

A purported key backer of Osama bin Laden pleaded guilty Wednesday to stabbing a prison guard in the eye with a sharpened comb. Mamdouh Mahmud Salim still is awaiting trial on conspiracy charges in the August 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

### U.S. Congressman Considers Aid for Afghan Bombing Victims

The U.S. government should "do what's right" and consider compensating Afghans who lost family members in misdirected American bombings, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, D-Calif., said Wednesday. Rohrabacher headed a U.S. congressional delegation that visited Afghan leaders.

sents an off-beat romance between a rascal and a big woman.

9 p.m. - Bring your sheets and blankets to Olde Campus Upper Quad (between Davis Library and the Arboretum) for a free outdoor movie on Thursdays in April. There will be free cotton candy, Coca-Cola products and Coke merchandise, and today "Billy Madison" will show. Rain date will be the next day at 9 p.m. This event is brought to you by **OCUQ Residence Hall Association, senior class, Carolina Union Activities Board, the Department of Housing and Residential Education, Carolina After Dark, Delta Upsilon, OCUQ resident assistant staff, Coca-Cola and production services.**

3Some Thursdays at Club NV. The student group calls all to partake in a night of dance and rhyme at the newest and nicest spot in the Hill.

The SoFresh U.Ball. All area universities should attend this Hip Hop Ball, come casual dressed, ballin' as you do, and enjoy a \$3 cover until 3 a.m. Ladies are free before 11 p.m. DJ pEz spinnin' hip-hop delights and Funkjunkie on The House and Breaks. Crowns to the freshest! Come out! Come out, wherever you are!

## For the Record

In the April 3 article "Students Step Into New Positions," Amanda Spillman, the new student attorney general, was omitted from the story.

The April 3 article "Black T-Shirts Mark Men's Commitment to Ending Violence" incorrectly reported that the T-shirts were funded by the Center for Healthy Student Behaviors.

The shirts were paid for by the Harassment and Assault Fund, which is administered by the Office of the Dean of Students.

The Daily Tar Heel regrets the errors.

## Item of Interest

UNC'S Hip Hop Nation hosts

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## Pi Beta Phi 5k Race for Women

All proceeds benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center

April 13 - Ram's Head Parking Lot

registration 8:45am  
warm-up 9:40am  
race begins 10am

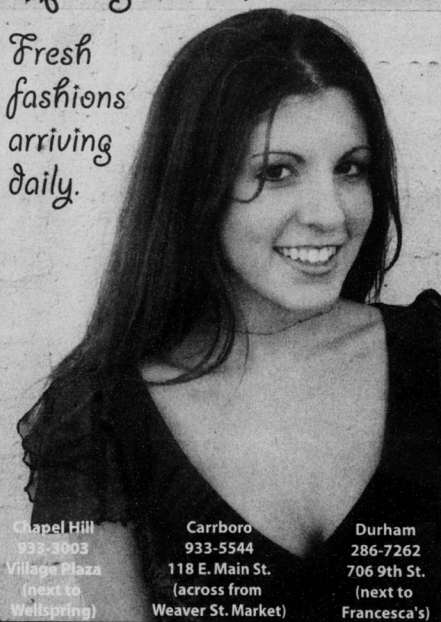
registration fee: \$12 in advance, \$15 that day  
t-shirts \$12 in the Pit April 8-12

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## Allies SpeakOUT:



### Linking Together for Change

A ceremony marking the recognition of LGBT human rights and the development of ways to make our community at UNC safer and more accepting of all students.

Thursday, April 4, 12:15-1:00 pm  
Polk Place (in front of South Building)

### Guest Speakers

Balloons! Professor Chuck Stone Speakers!  
Professor Pamela Conover  
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I pledge to work towards making the UNC community a safe and welcoming place for persons of all sexual orientations.

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