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School Capacity, SAPFO Hot Topics for Commissioners

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County governing boards met for a powwow Wednesday night to discuss the future of joint agreements that affect the entire county.

The joint planning public hearing covered various future ordinances but centered on the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Memorandum of Understanding.

Craig Benedict, Orange County planning director, explained the technicalities of the proposed SAPFO memorandum — a joint agreement that attempts to synchronize area development and school construction — to the semicircle of local officials.

It has historically been the county commissioners' responsibility to provide enough schools for the population, but Commissioner Alice Gordon said they have no control over available land because the towns issued their own building permits.

"We have to get coordinated,"

Gordon said. "If we can pass the memorandum and get facilities in place, then we can project out and plan around future facilities."

Benedict highlighted seven methods of estimating student growth that must be applied in order to schedule the construction of new schools.

Three of the methods are approved with the memorandum of understanding, but the last four must be approved separately.

So far Chapel Hill is the only municipality to approve the memorandum, but all of the municipalities, including Carrboro, Hillsborough, Orange County and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County boards of education, must approve it for the memorandum to stay afloat.

"This provides synchronization of new development and school needs," Benedict said. "It is a very important issue in Orange County."

But the hot topic was not the methods that would be used to project growth. Discussion centered on whether a moratorium would be placed on development because of a provision in the memorandum.

The memorandum would place a relatively low threshold on school capacity, which current schools are close to meeting.

If the school capacity is met, development is unable to proceed until new schools are built.

But officials say new schools are currently being built to deal with overcrowding when it happens. Gordon said she did not think problems would arise.

"The only thing we still have to attend to is the new high school in Chapel Hill, and if our figures are correct, we can start the SAPFO memorandum without initiating a moratorium," Gordon said. "I don't think we're behind right now."

But Gordon said she is looking forward to seeing the memorandum passed because it will make the process more organized and efficient.

"Cary has a similar plan, but it's not really common in North Carolina," Gordon said.

"It's pretty exciting and very innovative."

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Canadians Victims of Friendly Fire

■ An American F-16 pilot in Afghanistan apparently mistook Canadian soldiers for enemy forces and thought he was acting in self-defense when he dropped a 500-pound bomb, killing four and wounding eight, U.S. officials said Thursday.



Malaysia Nabs 14 Alleged Al-Qaida

■ Malaysian authorities arrested 14 suspected members of an al-Qaida-linked group in raids that turned up a map of the country's largest port, officials said Thursday. The Australian government also announced the U.S. military is holding a second Australian who may have fought for al-Qaida.

Flight 93 Tape Played for Relatives

■ Relatives of those who died Sept. 11 aboard hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 heard cockpit audio tapes Thursday from the final minutes of the doomed jetliner. Two sessions for relatives of crew members were scheduled to be completed, FBI Special Agent Sandra Carroll said Thursday.

Campus Calendar

Today

5:30 p.m. — The Department of Epidemiology is hosting a teach-in titled "The New War Economy: Who Will Pay?" in the Hanes Art Center Auditorium. Professor Robert W. Jensen of the University of Texas-Austin's School of Journalism will give the keynote address. Other speakers include Arjun Makhijani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research; Professor Catherine Lutz of the UNC Department of Anthropology; and Steve Wing of the UNC School of Public Health.

7:30 p.m. — Psalm 100 presents "psalMTV" — its 3rd annual Spring Concert, today and Saturday in 111 Carroll Hall. Tickets available in the Pit and at the door for \$3.

8:15 p.m. — LAB! Theatre presents

"Lizard and Snake," a new play written by the cast and UNC senior Ken Keech and directed by senior Lauren Schneider. The play celebrates the rise and fall of the indie rock movement in Chapel Hill from 1995 to 1998. Shows are nightly at 8:15 p.m. until April 22; April 22 at 4 p.m.; and April 23 at 5 p.m.

11 p.m. — The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender-Straight Alliance will host a social at Gotham Night Club. Half of the door proceeds go to the GLBT-SA.

Saturday

Love hip hop? "Hip-Hop Nation," a new show produced by the fans and dedicated to portraying hip-hop music and culture, will air on your NBC station every Saturday night beginning tonight. Learn more at <http://hnn.nc.tv>.

Sunday

The UNC Move-Out starts today. Students moving out before exams can take their old stuff to the PTA Thrift Shop on Jones Ferry Road in Carrboro. They need your old clothing and shoes, household items and school supplies.

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The Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center is accepting applications for its 20-member Advisory Board, which includes students, faculty, staff and members of the community-at-large. Nominations may be submitted for the following offices: chairperson, vice-chairperson, financial, secretary, recorder and general board membership. Members serve a two year term and may be selected for at least one additional term.

The Advisory Board serves as a consultative body to the Director of the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center. Its primary purpose is to further the mission and objectives of the SHSBC by offering counsel and advice in major areas of decision making, and by providing functional support for the Center's administrative structure.

Functions, based on the statement of the purpose are:

1. To advise the director and staff on program planning;
2. To review the annual budget and fundraising plans of the SHSBC and make recommendations to the director and staff;
3. To review and advise the director and staff on the management of endowment funds, investments and other assets;
4. To review annual reports of the SHSBC committees and to offer recommendations designed to promote the objectives of the SHSBC;
5. To facilitate communications among the University community and outside audiences in order to promote the goals of the SHSBC;
6. To advise the appropriate University offices on the qualifications of the Director and to participate in the search for candidates for permanent or full-time staff positions.

Advisory Board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

Nominations are due by Monday, April 22 at 5 p.m. Please address all nominations to: Joseph Jordan, SHSBC Director, The Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, Frank Porter Graham Student Union - CB# 5250, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-5250. Applications will also be accepted by fax at 919.962.3725 and email shsbcc@email.unc.edu.