

Aldermen alter creek plans Board to weigh naming options for high school

Carolina North plans left alone

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Preserving Bolin Creek is important, but so is respecting UNC's plans for Carolina North, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen decided Tuesday.

The aldermen voted to approve a modified version of the draft map for conservation areas in the upper Bolin Creek watershed. The area skirts around Carolina North.

"The time is ripe to go ahead and adopt a conservation map," said Mayor Mike Nelson, who also called the motion a "real significant advance."

The new map has been refined to reflect property boundaries, omit some areas that will be developed and incorporate suggestions made by local nonprofit the Friends of Bolin Creek at a Sept. 20 public hearing, said Noah Ranells, the town's environmental planner.

The Friends of Bolin Creek had presented its own conservation map, which included the creation of a park. Half of that overlapped

with the area UNC tentatively set aside for Carolina North.

That would be the group's biggest challenge, said Dave Otto, chairman of the organization, in an interview before the meeting.

It was stressed many times at the meeting that the lines on the map were not yet set in stone, and that the map had no regulatory significance.

"It doesn't create an enforceable obligation," said Town Attorney Michael Brough.

Otto said the map should be considered a guideline for the town's vision for preserving the creek.

"(The lines) are there to look at, think about and modify," he said.

Aldermen focused on the friends' suggested line, which wiggled through Carolina North's footprint.

The friends originally had suggested that the entire Horace Williams Tract area in Carrboro be preserved with the exception of the northeast corner.

"I support the Friends of Bolin Creek map with the addition of the conservation areas that (town staff) outlined," Nelson said. "However, I don't support including the entire Horace Williams Tract."

Other aldermen agreed.

"The University has been very



Jordan Rosado, a University graduate, walks on the Bolin Creek trail Tuesday. Carrboro leaders voted in favor of an area conservation map.

cooperative with Carrboro at least in preserving the creek," said Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

Otto presented his group's view on the revised map to the aldermen. "We are pleased that the latest map includes the boundaries of the core park we proposed last fall," he said.

The group's minor reservations

included the omission of the two P. G. Craig Tracts south of the Carolina North site, and the group's disagreement with the Carolina North footprint itself, Otto said.

"We think very highly of (local nonprofit) The Village Project's alternative plan," he said. "That calls for nothing to be built in the Carrboro sector. It should be carefully considered."

The Village Project had announced its alternate plan for Carolina North during the summer, with an emphasis on environmental sustainability and reducing dependence on cars.

Still, Otto said, the area within the Carolina North area was "very negotiable," as he acknowledged that the flat terrain lends itself to building.

After the aldermen passed the revisions, Alderman Alex Zaffron suggested taking steps to draw up plans for moving forth with conservation, such as considering ways to raise funds to buy the land.

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This week the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will begin the process of selecting a name for its new high school.

The school will join two others in the area that have taken the route of locality: Chapel Hill High School and East Chapel Hill High School.

The question of the new school continuing the trend now arises.

Board policy 9300 considers three possibilities for naming new schools: in honor or in memory of an educational or community leader or financial contributor or in recognition of the geographic locality of the school.

The policy further states that the naming of a new school should involve everyone in the community.

Candidates for school names are suggested through public forums, e-mails and surveys on the board's Web site. Mel and Zora Rashkis were nominated in 2002 and were chosen among other candidates to be honored with the opening of Rashkis Elementary School.

The school board makes the final decision on the selected nominees.

School board chairwoman Lisa Stuckey explained the process:

"The school board eventually decides upon the names suggested by a chosen committee," she said. "This committee seeks input from the community, evaluates the names, then makes recommendations to the school board."

"The committee seeks feedback widely from the individuals and groups of the community."

Stuckey also indicated a recent trend in school naming.

"Over the last several years, mid-

dle schools and elementary schools have been named for a person. As we approach the third (area) high school, it will be interesting to see."

But not all in the community are anxious to see this trend continue.

Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist is opposed the idea.

"I would like to see it named Carrboro High School," she said.

"It's been a long time since we've had a Carrboro high school. We have Carrboro Elementary, so having a Carrboro Elementary and a Carrboro high school would be very neat."

She also mentioned that with every prominent person in the community who is honored with a school in his or her name, other deserving people go unhappy.

Orange County Schools instituted a policy in 1979 that prohibits the naming of schools after people.

This will apply in the naming process of the new middle school, which is approaching its final stages.

Orange County Schools spokeswoman Anne D'Annunzio explained the reasons for a location-based name. "It creates a lot of emotional significance, it takes out political issues and makes it easier to remember," she said.

D'Annunzio said the county school board has narrowed the name search to three: Crossroads Middle School, Gravelly Middle School and Woodlands Middle School.

The final vote will be Oct. 17.

The Chapel-Hill Carrboro Board of Education meets Thursday to begin the name-choosing process for the new Carrboro high school. A final decision will be made Jan. 19.

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BAKER

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tally good idea to house people close to where they'd be working," he said.

University senior Tom Jensen, who works with Baker in Young Democrats, said Baker has the determination necessary to win.

"The thing people need to know about Jason is that he's incredibly driven," he said. "He'll work 20 hours a day to get something."

Students for a Progressive Chapel Hill, led by Jensen, is endorsing Baker for council.

Baker has called for a thorough examination of the town's current public transit schedule to better define what areas need more or less service.

"I really don't feel like we need to be saying, 'you know, we have an adequate transit plan,' without adequately studying that," Baker said.

The evaluation also would address environmental concerns, he hopes.

"It's kind of embarrassing — Chapel Hill is supposed to be the bastion of environmental concerns, and we don't run on biodiesel," he said. "Durham has buses that run on biodiesel."

Baker also advocates establishing wireless Internet in low-income areas and increasing work to solve a turnover problem plaguing Franklin Street.

And Baker is keeping his peers in mind. "I hope that students take interest in the elections," he said.

"Mark Chilton told me he was jealous that I could talk to 90 percent of the student population on Facebook with only a couple of clicks. As the elections get closer, maybe I'll 'poke' everybody."

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DATING

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dirty blonde.

"He's completely different than me," says Dang, a Vietnamese junior majoring in journalism.

Dang met Galloway, a white history major, in an astronomy class during her freshman year, and the pair started dating officially two months ago.

Galloway says he's enjoyed trying new things with Dang.

"I've had to learn chop stick skills because before they were horrible," he says.

But not everything they teach each other is along cultural lines. Dang says she is the one who introduced Galloway to Jack Daniel's grilling sauce.

Sometimes when they go to more traditional Asian restaurants and shops, Galloway says he gets stares, but they are not condescending.

"They were just stares of interest, like, what is that?" he says of a shopping trip at a Vietnamese grocery store.

Although Dang has not introduced Galloway to her parents yet, she says they find other criteria in a boyfriend more important than race.

"They're more concerned about what he studies and how good he is in school," she says. "They're concerned about how well he treats me."

Galloway says he was intrigued by Dang because he enjoyed being around her.

"She's very spunky," he says. "We just clicked very well."

He says he never thought to categorize their relationship racially when they started dating.

"I never thought about, I'm dating an Asian," he says. "It was more, 'I'm dating a hot girl.'"

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DEVINE

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Chapel Hill," she said. "It became a kind of hippie enclave."

DeVine also said she appreciates Carrboro's small-town character.

"Something else about Carrboro — it's flat," she said. "The geography lends itself perfectly to that walkability thing we're always talking about."

She wants to help Carrboro maintain its quaintness in the future, even with new developments springing up.

She said she is certain there will be a referendum to preserve Bolin Creek in perpetuity, but questions remain about how much control the town should have.

"I have questions to ask before we run this up the flagpole," DeVine said. "Does that mean the town is responsible for cleaning the creek, or leaving it alone?"

To double the town's commer-

cial tax base, as stated in the Vision 2020 development plan, DeVine said she wants to see professional offices fill in empty spaces downtown.

"I would love to attract business spinoff from UNC, little think tanks," she said.

As the town's tax base expands, residential taxes will be less of a burden on homeowners, allowing houses to be more affordable, she said.

DeVine said infilling downtown could happen in taller buildings than currently are allowed without changing the face of Carrboro.

"The appearance of our town is a quality of life issue for many people," she said.

"One of my chief objectives as an alderman will be to maintain that quality."

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FINANCE

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Newton were required to amend their reports.

Newton and Haven-O'Donnell were dinged for not providing sufficient employment information about donors. Raymond had typos in his receipts, particularly in Paypal donations he had received.

While each mayoral candidate in Chapel Hill so far has thrown down the \$5 filing fee and naught more, Peter Walz of Democracy N.C., a Carrboro-based watchdog group, said that a national trend of higher-cost elections has filtered down to the most local of elections.

"You see it all the way down to these little local races like Chapel Hill Town Council where people are spending thousands of dollars," Walz said.

Kevin Foy has \$9,810 of his own money to spend, though it shows up as a loan from his person to his campaign, loaned out at five percent interest.

The only candidates for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen to file a report were challenger Haven-O'Donnell and incumbent John Herrera.

Haven-O'Donnell has raised \$1,675 so far, but only has had to spend \$10, while Herrera has raised \$12 and spent \$24.

But Herrera has more than \$500 already on hand, regardless of how much he's raised.

Perhaps the most financially nonchalant character in this year's election has been Chapel Hill mayoral candidate Kevin Wolff.

Having raised \$30, he's got \$25 on hand, which indicates he might not be planning an advertising blitz anytime in the near future.

Other candidates have spent relatively large sums on advertising.

Laurin Easthom, who has spent the most of any Town Council candidate, also has the most signs up of any council candidate, with much of the field of candidates yet to drive home sign stakes.

Likewise, Newton, another big spender, has dropped sizable sums to printing shops in different parts of North Carolina.

Candidates have printed up all manner of items with their names on them.

Baker has designed posters for use in dorms, Mark Kleinschmidt ordered extra large signs so he didn't have to shrink his name, and virtually every candidate has stickers galore.

A Democracy N.C. study in 2003 found that in Town Council races from 1995 to 2001, the top four spenders won one of the four available seats on council more than two-thirds of the time.

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challenges Bowles will face during his tenure are budget issues. He said faculty salaries will remain in the spotlight.

He added that Bowles understands how to relate university issues to state issues and that his goals include looking at literacy, health care and connecting to public schools.

Spangler said Bowles will have

to familiarize himself immediately with all 16 campuses and their various constituencies — something Bowles already has said he plans to do.

He also said Bowles is joining a system that is ultimately healthy. "He'll be like a doctor — do no harm at first and then build on the strength of the university."

Spangler said the situation was similar when Friday left office in 1986. The system was in good shape and all he had to do was maintain

the strength of the 16 campuses.

But Spangler warned against putting too much emphasis on Bowles serving as the next system president.

"The university is more important than any one of us individuals," he said. "It's important who is the president. But more important is what the university is and what it will be."

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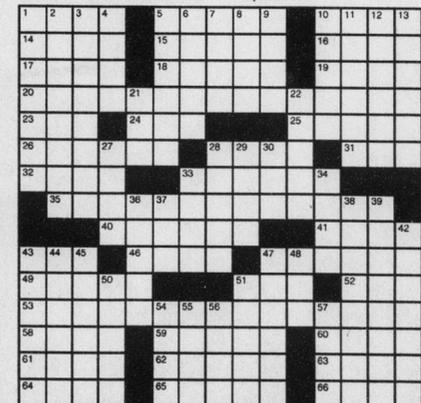
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