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Transfer site ranks reordered COUNCIL

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Commissioners received a new ranking of potential sites for Orange County's waste transfer station Tuesday night. The new list, drawn from criteria

that include community concerns such as environmental justice, significantly reorders the previous ranking. are located

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most-debated	The Eubanks
potential sites	Road site, home
for the station.	to the county landfill since

1972, dropped four spots to No. 8. The two previously top-ranked sites, which are in one of

Hillsborough's economic develop-ment zones, fell to the fifth and sixth spots on the list.

Both lists were generated by a consulting group, Olver Inc., which the board hired last November.

The previous ranking met intense criticism from the public for only taking technical concerns such as site size and access to major transportation routes into account.

And commissioners had also objected, saying Olver strayed from the established plan by delaying consideration of how a site effects

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the community around it.

Commissioners said they plan to cut the list to no more than three sites next week using both the old and updated rankings and gather public input on their selections.

They also said they did not want to include Olver in the upcoming public comment period of the siting process

People will feel like they have not been heard if they have to talk to somebody who talks to us," Commissioner Moses Carey said.

Although the board still plans to make a final decision Nov. 18, commissioners stressed that their priority is making the right choice rather than rushing the proce

If the process extends into ecember, the final siting decision could fall in the hands of the new members of the Board of County

Commissioners elected on Nov. 4. "It would be nice to have it done efore we change boards," Chairman Barry Jacobs said. "But I think it's more important that we do it right."

Once commissioners select a final site, they will follow the nor-mal approval procedures for a new development, including a traffic impact analysis and an environmental impact assessment.

The siting process was opened in November, after commissioners scrapped original plans to locate the transfer station on Eubanks Road.

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September: Board asks Olver Inc. to revise rankings of 10 poter tial sites using standards such as environmental justice and proxim-ity to schools and park.

Residents of that neighborhood have advocated removing the Eubanks site from the list of potential locations since then.

Carey said he might not be present at the board's critical meeting next week. Nelson said he could be late. Jacobs said he, reluctantly, would be at next week's critical meeting.

"In the interests of full disclosure, I don't have any conflicts that day," Jacobs said. "But I sure wish I wasn't going to be there."

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residents value qualities other than just diversity in elected officials. And Foy said applicants' ability to represent different groups should carry more weight than race.

He said Thorpe, an active mem-ber of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, had long demonstrated his commitment to under-represented populations when he was elected.

cil to appoint a person who can serve as a liaison to many minority communities, such as the growing Latino population.

"I'm not Hispanic, but that doesn't mean I'm not able to help represent the interests of my Hispanic constituents," Foy said. "I think a demonstrated ability will be a heavy factor."

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward said the council has not yet laid out specific qualifications for the office

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ment student activity fee - which is what Congress allocates to groups — and an increase for child care services

would increase from \$39 to \$45, and the child care services fee would increase from \$2.44 to \$12.81

"In a democracy, you look forward to having all segments of a community represented."

EDITH WIGGINS, FORMER CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER

but will look for the most informed

The applications will probably be accepted through Oct. 31, but two-time candidate Will Raymond announced Sunday his intention to apply. The council likely will choose new member next month.

Mark Chilton, now Carrboro's mayor, left his seat in 1998. Although Ward was among the applicants, the council eventually appointed Flicka Bateman for the position.

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Meagan Jones said the resolutions would be reintroduced at a later date.

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sion for Oct. 22. "We think we can pull this off by next June," council member Ed Harrison said.

DEVELOPMENT

The joint working staff of several UNC officials and town officials presented guidelines for a development review process, including a timeline at a Sept. 25 meeting.

Although the council raised few concerns about how the development agreement would compare to a land-use permit, tonight's meeting is meant to be a straightforward follow-up to the earlier meeting, Harrison said.

Having regular meetings between the University and town ensures staffs can fill in all the necessary details.

But Evans said it is too early to know the details of the development design.

"This is about process," Evans said.

"We're not talking about the details. We're not at that point in the discussion."

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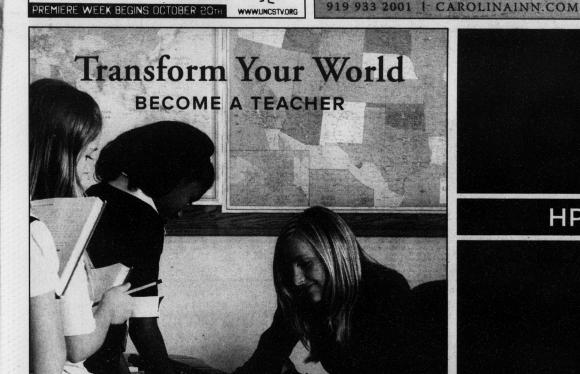
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