

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen met with members of the Orange County legislative delegation on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 109 of Carrboro Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor Pro Tem	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Dan Coleman
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Lydia Lavelle
	Sammy Slade
Town Manager	Steven Stewart
Asst. to Town Manager/ Deputy Town Clerk	Matt Efird
Senator	Ellie Kinnaird
Speaker of the House	Joe Hackney
Representatives	Bill Faison
	Verla Insko

Absent:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
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Rep. Insko stated that changes to State Health & Human Services (HHS) budgets will likely force some services back to the local level, but that the changes would affect counties more than municipalities. Alderman Gist replied that when counties are forced to make cuts, it ends up affecting everyone, including Carrboro's citizens.

Rep. Insko stated that possible cuts to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) will lower eligibility back to 125% of poverty level.

Sen. Kinnaird stated that the General Assembly has been told to prepare for 5% cuts in the budget.

Speaker Hackney stated that HHS funding is being provided by one-time money and that the State is awaiting passage of the Federal jobs bill for additional help.

Sen. Kinnaird stated that there is \$147 million available for weatherization programs in NC.

Alderman Gist spoke about mental health issues.

Sen. Kinnaird and Rep. Insko stated they would continue to work towards obtaining sufficient mental health funding.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell brought up the issue of municipal home rule. Sen. Kinnaird brought up the Clodfelter bill from several years ago, and Speaker Hackney stated that there was

not a lot of support in the General Assembly for this type of bill. Alderman Coleman proposed a model in which a municipality's legislative delegation can approve local bills without having to go through the entire General Assembly. Senator Kinnaird stated that the General Assembly spends up to a quarter of their time on local enabling legislation.

Speaker Hackney asked for clarification regarding the "wage theft" item on the Board's legislative agenda. Rep. Faison mentioned that the issue may already be covered by "obtaining services under false pretenses" legislation.

Sen. Kinnaird asked for more information about PACE financing. Alderman Slade gave a brief overview of the nature of PACE financing and what it would be used for in Carrboro.

Rep. Insko brought up the state budget and redistricting as two pressing issues for the General Assembly.

Alderman Gist asked if there had been any discussion about the legalization of marijuana. Speaker Hackney stated that there had been some discussion of medical marijuana use, but not full legalization.

Alderman Slade asked about maintaining regional water authority and control.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem

Deputy Town Clerk

