



# Town of Chapel Hill

## HISTORIC TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.  
Chapel Hill Public Library, Meeting Room C  
100 Library Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

### Meeting Action Notes

Members: Council Member Sally Greene (Chair), Moses Carey, Joel Curran, Richard Ellington, Josh Gurlitz, Commissioner Penny Rich, Alan Rimer, Lee Storrow and Chela Tu.

#### 1. Opening

##### a. Roll Call

Members Present: Council Member Sally Greene (Chair), Moses Carey, Richard Ellington, Josh Gurlitz, Commissioner Penny Rich, Alan Rimer, Lee Storrow.

Members Absent: Joel Curran, Chela Tu.

Staff Present: Megan Dale, Travis Myren.

Members of the Public Present: Emily Kass

##### b. Approval of January 12, 2017 Minutes

Minutes Approved

##### c. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved

#### 2. Public Comment

Council Member Greene introduced Emily Kass, former Director of the Ackland Art Museum.

#### 3. Business

##### a. Continue Discussion of Chapel Hill/ Orange County Visitors Bureau Needs

Background: At the January 12, 2017 meeting, the Visitors Bureau staff provided an overview of the Visitors Bureau's mission, services, current facility, and operating needs.

Action Item: Continue discussing potential benefits, challenges, and questions of locating the Visitors Bureau in Historic Town Hall.

- Action Taken: The committee continued discussing the Visitors Bureau's presentation, space needs, and services. No action was taken.

## **b. Chapel Hill Museum Presentation**

Background: Alan Rimer will represent the Chapel Hill Museum board to provide an overview of the museum's mission, services, former facility, and operating needs. The committee will begin discussing the potential benefits and challenges of locating the museum in Historic Town Hall.

Action Item: Begin discussing potential benefits, challenges, and questions of locating the museum in Historic Town Hall.

➤ Action Taken: The committee received and discussed the presentation. No action was taken.

## **c. Other Committee Discussion – Including Museum Essays and Discussion Guide**

The committee began discussing the readings listed below. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

## **4. Public Comment**

## **5. Adjournment**

### **Meeting Materials**

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Chapel Hill Museum Presentation

*Sacred Grove* Essays on Museums

“Thinking About Starting A Museum” Discussion Guide

“Is Your Community Better Off Because It Has a Museum” Article

**Opportunity Statement:** The Inter-Faith Council for Social Services is proceeding with plans to vacate Historic Town Hall. A recommendation is needed regarding the future use and occupancy of this building.

**Goal:** A Historic Town Hall Committee will represent the interests of the Town of Chapel Hill and Orange County to consider the opportunity to renovate the Historic Town Hall building at 100 West Rosemary Street as a Visitor's Center, a History Center, or both for possible occupancy by the Chapel Hill and Orange County Visitor's Bureau, Chapel Hill Historical Society, and/ or Chapel Hill Museum.

**Public Charge:** The Historic Town Hall Committee pledges its respect to the public. The Committee asks the public to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous manner, both with the Committee and with fellow members of the public. Should any member of the Committee or any member of the public fail to observe this charge at any time, the Chair will ask the offending person to leave the meeting until that individual regains personal control. Should decorum fail to be restored, the Chair will recess the meeting until a genuine commitment to this public charge is observed.