

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT RECOMMENDATION
TEXT AMENDMENT FOR LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE**

November 12, 2018

Recommendation:

Daniel Hatley moved and Phillip Lyons seconded a motion to make a recommendation to Town Council that excused absences should be clarified to include not only medical necessity, but also childcare issues, distance issues, and also to consider incentives for childcare stipends, refreshment policy, free parking in Town for board and commission members, and other incentives.

Vote: 9-0

Ayes: James Bartow (Chair), Devon Bass, Michael Fox, Daniel Hatley, Phillip Lyons, Kathy Murphy, Joe Parrish, Carl Schuler, Larry Daquiaog

Nays: None

Discussion:

Board members expressed concern over current attendance issues. There is trouble getting a full board at regular meetings, so if members lose their membership status, it might increase the chances of not being able to make quorum and put the board in the position of not being able to do business.

Board members also asked if the Council Committee on Boards and Commissions has discussed options for providing incentives for board and commission members in order to encourage attendance. Members are interested in how attendance issues can be addressed with positive reinforcement.

Members also discussed the excused absences policy. There was concern over cutting out a large portion of the Chapel Hill population that has young children and may miss meetings due to childcare issues. Members felt that childcare issues should be included as an excused absence.

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