

Town of Chapel Hill

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF
Donna Bell to the Town of Chapel Hill

Whereas, Donna Bell served the Town of Chapel Hill as Town Council member from January 7, 2010 to December 4, 2019; and

Whereas, Donna has taken a special interest in increasing and preserving affordable housing, broadening public engagement opportunities, supporting Chapel Hill's historically African American communities, expanding local and regional transit services and garnering community benefits through the development approval process; and

Whereas, as the liaison to the Mayor's Committee on Affordable Rentals, Donna helped champion adoption of Chapel Hill's "Penny For Housing" program for which the Town Council was named the 2014 Public Official of the Year by North Carolina Housing Coalition; and

Whereas, Donna initiated the process to develop a citizens academy, now known as the People's Academy, to encourage citizen engagement through interactive education with the hopes of increased and diverse public engagement in town processes; and

Whereas, Donna has shown strong support for Chapel Hill's historically African American communities including the Northside and Rogers Road neighborhoods; and

Whereas, she has prioritized the creation of strong economic development hubs with expanded bike lanes and greenways in Chapel Hill, including at Glen Lennox and in the Blue Hill district; and

Whereas, Donna has been an advocate for transportation projects and initiatives that expand walking, biking and bus ridership throughout town and the region, including the passage of the ½ cent sales tax for transit; and

Whereas, additionally Donna participated in the approval of numerous projects and policy decisions that will forever leave their mark on Chapel Hill including expansion of the Chapel Hill public library, creation of the Northside Neighborhood Initiative; partnership with DHIC to construct the Greenfield Place and Greenfield Commons affordable housing community; adoption of an Affordable Housing Master Plan; passage of a \$10 million Affordable Housing bond; expansion of the LAUNCH Business Accelerator program; and creation of the town's Enterprise Zone; and

Whereas, Donna has served the community and Council through active participation on the following advisory boards and task forces lending her insight and leadership:

- Council Committee on Affordable Housing
- Council Committee on Boards and Commissions
- Council Committee on Economic Sustainability
- Council Subcommittee on Amity Station
- Council Committee on Facilities Naming
- Mayor's Committee on Affordable Rental
- Mayor's Committee on Campaign Public Financing
- Mayor's Historic Civil Rights Commemorations Task Force
- American Legion Task Force
- Cemeteries Advisory Board
- Community Policing Advisory Board
- Human Services Advisory Board
- Justice in Action Committee
- Obey Creek Compass Committee
- Chatham/Orange Joint Planning Task Force
- HOME Program Review Committee
- Orange Community Housing and Land Trust
- Orange County Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors
- Public Housing Program Development Advisory Board
- Public Transit Partners
- Solid Waste Advisory Group

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that we hereby honor and thank

DONNA BELL

For her outstanding service to the people of Chapel Hill and her willingness to serve the community as an elected leader; and we further resolve that Chapel Hill is a better place because of Donna.

This the 4th day of December, 2019.