

**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.

Prepared by: James Bartow, Board of Adjustment Chair
Jake Lowman, Staff Liaison
Becky McDonnell, Co-Staff Liaison

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION
TEXT AMENDMENT FOR LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE**

November 13, 2018

Recommendation:

Bruce Sinclair moved, and Tom Henkel seconded a motion to make a recommendation to Town Council, that, in lieu of adding a 10th member for Stormwater Advocacy, the Council consider providing an ex officio liaison from the Stormwater Board or repurposing one of the existing Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board seats.

Vote: 8-0

Ayes: Adrienne Tucker (Chair), Mary Metcalf (Vice-Chair), Tom Henkel, Heidi Kim, Bruce Sinclair, Greg Ames, Hui Ding, Jericho Cook

Nays: None

Discussion:

The Board also discussed some concerns about adding a 10th member and the possibility of a 5-5 vote. While they acknowledged that close votes haven't been typical for their group, some members expressed concern about the practicality of a voting structure with an even number of members. Regardless of how the Council decides, the Board was very supportive of adding this expertise.

Prepared by: Adrienne Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board Chair
John Richardson, Staff Liaison

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
TEXT AMENDMENT FOR LAND USE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE**

November 13, 2018

Members Present: Robert Epting (Chair), Kimberly Kyser (Vice-Chair), Woodrow Burns, Craig Carbrey, James Locke, Sean Murphy, David Schwartz, Susan Smith, James White

Recommendation:

The Commission agreed to make a recommendation to Town Council to reconsider the revision to the length of term clauses, as members did not feel the original policy was unclear, and revising it could be detrimental to the Commission's function.

Discussion:

The Commission expressed concern that not allowing members to serve past June 30 could deprive the Commission of the valuable services of members. The Commission has benefited from the service of several members serving past their terms in the past. If these members had been removed, the Commission would have been unable to conduct their business. Commissioners also observed that a lack of qualified members would keep a seat from being filled, which would also be detrimental to the Commission's function.

Prepared by: Robert Epting, Historic District Commission Chair
Jake Lowman, Staff Liaison
Becky McDonnell, Co-Staff Liaison