1848 - would not be affected by

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the renovations. In November, representatives of the Chapel of the Cross present-

ed the plans to the council.

"We consider our central location a gift which we are to share with others, and so we make our space available at no charge to over 60 nonprofit groups a year, including a daily pre-school, a severalday-a-week English as a Second Language program, weekly meetings of service and self-help groups from the town and from the campus and special events such as con-

certs and fundraising dinners,"

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24 meeting, with the first work-

group meeting to be held a week

At the first meeting, the work-

to 10 days later.

Rev. Stephen Elkins-Williams, Chapel of the Cross rector, told council members.

To fund the \$6.3 million project, the church has raised money through gifts and pledges, and is now working to raise the remainder – about \$400,000.

"We have gotten very favorable feedback and response," said Ted Vaden, communications director for the church's capital campaign, adding that church representatives had met with the town's planning board, the Historic District Commission, the Transportation Board and the Bicycle and Pedestrian boards in addition to the council.

"All four of the commissions gave it a thumb's up," he said.

Vaden said he had not yet

parameters for what they will be

studying, Talbert said. The group

will also work alongside any con-

sultants the county hires to help

McKee said he expects the

workgroup to meet as often as

twice a month for anywhere from

determine improvements.

six to nine months.

heard opposition to the project. "We tried to be very proactive in meeting with folks that might be affected," he said. The area surrounding the church is university property, so church representatives have been in frequent communication with UNC officials, who have been supportive, Vaden said.

If approved, construction would begin in fall 2012 and is expected to take about a year.

"Besides the chapel and the main sanctuary, this would be the most significant project that we have done," Vaden said. "It's going to be maximizing out the space that we have, so that in the future there would not be any further expansion."

"This is an important issue, not only for the commissioners, but for our entire public-safety arena," Talbert said.

The workgroup application can be found on the Orange County website at http://www. co.orange.nc.us/boards/apply.asp

groups will set the charge and

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The Home for the Holidays event has also brought in some generous donations to the shelter. A number of people have

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HRC

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representatives said the complex is intended to be residential, and commercial properties aren't permitted under HOA covenants. Blau said someone from the center would live at the Barnes Street location as well. The house has three bedrooms, and Blau said she believes the center could add another room to the property, which could be necessary with the addition of a daylaborer center.

The HRC already provides a number of services, including an afterschool program in partnership with Scroggs Elementary School, computer classes and a youth soccer program.

"We are going to start a daylaborer center, which all of us have been talking about for years," Blau said, adding that a day-laborer center could help streamline the unofficial system by which workers find employ-

"This is so close to where the workers wait anyway, and the rate of wage theft is just out of sight right now. We'll have a supervisor there to register employers and classes for the men who are waiting," she said. "I'm pretty

excited."

Last month, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted to rescind its controversial anti-lingering ordinance for the corner of Jones Ferry and Davie roads, adjacent to Abbey Court, where day laborers – many of whom are residents of the complex - wait to be picked up for construction work. Prior to enactment of the ordinance in 2007, neighbors complained of public urination, garbage and drinking in the areas around the intersection.

Blau said the HRC could add a gravel driveway at the Barnes Street house to improve access for employers picking up day laborers. The HRC will need to conduct outreach in order to make sure that both employers and workers use the day-laborer

"It's a process of convincing the day laborers that employers will be coming to the house," she said. Blau has already contacted the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce to solicit its help in reaching out to workers, and also plans to write letters to known day-laborer employers informing them of the center.

Zoning issues

Before the HRC could offer a day-laborer center at the Barnes Street location, it's likely it would

need to receive approval from the Carrboro Board of Aldermen through a rezoning application.

"From what little I have heard to this point, it seems fairly likely that [the HRC] would want to expand/use the property in a manner that may exceed what is permissible as a Home Occupation," Carrboro development review administrator Marty Roupe wrote in an email to Mayor Mark Chilton. "Doing so would only be permissible subsequent to some type of Board of Aldermen action allowing such a use on this property."

Chilton said the board had not vet discussed the situation.

'We'll be interested to hear about ... potential neighborhood-impact issues," he said. "We'll probably have to base our decision, whatever it might be ... in part on what we hear."

Chilton said he felt the Barnes Street house was a convenient location for the HRC and those who patronize its services.

"It seems like it would be a good spot for them to continue and possibly extend their current offerings," he said. "We'll have to see how that situation develops."

The HRC has until March 1 to vacate Abbey Court.

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What's at Market

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Vermouth Glazed Carrots

Recipe provided by Market Manager Sarah Blacklin

Ingredients:

2 bunches of carrots* (depending on the size and variety of the carrot. Heirloom carrots tend to be slimmer and smaller than regular carrots.)

2 tablespoons of butter

I tablespoon brown sugar 2 tablespoons vermouth

*Ingredients available at Market

Procedure:

Peel and wash the carrots. You can cut them into bite size chunks or leave them whole if they are already slender and small. Boil the carrots in a pot of salted water until tender. Drain and remove from the heat. In a separate saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Once melted, add the carrots, brown sugar and vermouth. Reduce to low heat. Stir to coat the carrots as the brown sugar thickens and melts. Continue to cook on low heat until the vermouth is absorbed into the carrots. You could add a little vinegar to cut the sweet, depending on your taste.



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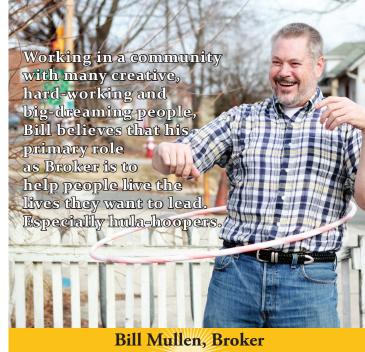
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