

## NHCA, Inc. Community Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2008

**Location:** First Baptist Church -- 7 PM  
**Attendees:** New Hill Community and friends of New Hill

### **Committee reports and status of activities**

- Financial Report (Dan Brubaker)
  - Update

### **Old Business**

- Donations / Fundraisers
  - Note cards -- Anne King project lead. Packages of 6 note cards can be ordered for \$5 (color or B&W) or \$1 per note card. Does anyone know of a small business in Apex that would be willing to sell our cards?
- Still need to look into a sign for NHCA to post announcements to community. Sign would have reusable signage. Various proposals with costs need to be obtained. Paul Barth will handle.

### **New and Future Business**

- USACE
  - Sewage plant has been delayed to April 2013 and is currently 14% over budget!
  - Project meeting (PDT) held Mar. 27.
    - Alternative sites
      - Sites are 19, 21/23 and 30. Also, site 26 if necessary
      - Detail field analysis complete. Working on plant placement on each site. Expect completion by May 29 PDT
      - Determined all sites are workable. There are some issues but no show stoppers
    - PE land. ACE received a letter from PE attorney
      - PE land can be taken
      - Sites 19 and 21/23 are not currently used for mitigation
      - Stated WWP should proceed with appropriate due diligence and analysis. They also recognize the critical nature of the sewage plant and they will assist to the extent possible
    - Access to a highway(un-weighted road) – reworded requirement to include traffic and distance
    - Harris Lake discharge (alternative option)
      - Making good progress on the study. Developing documents. Trying to complete by end of June
    - Pipeline routing
      - Reviewed various routings depending on alternative site
      - Effluent pipes will follow south side of Old US 1 and RR tracks
      - Plan on using PE easements as much as possible
    - EJ meeting
      - Provided document with raw data and maps. Data will be further refined for analysis
      - Still trying to reach a workable date our ACE and New Hill EJ meeting
      - We are finalizing our list of suggested questions and meeting format
      - Reminder. This meeting will be the single most important meeting since the DENR Public Hearing on June 15, 2006. This important event requires our biggest support!
      - Meeting notification will be by email, sign by WT's store, posting in New Hill Community Store, notices at both New Hill churches, and mailbox flyers.
    - EIS
      - ACE asked for comments on adding a resource criteria used to identify impacts. Eventually, this would help identify least impact alternative site(s). Used in SEPA and NEPA process. Larry Elmore requested that the chart show which were SEPA vs. NEPA
    - ACE asked for comments on current documents being reviewed. We will be responding.

- Next PDT meeting is scheduled for April 24 at 10 AM at Herb Young Community Center in Cary.
- Next steps:
  - Complete plant placement on alternative sites
  - Complete alternative piping routes. Variations depend on site
  - Complete Harris Lake Discharge study
  - EJ meeting
  - Prelim Draft EIS - end of June or early July
  - Draft EIS review by government agencies and PDT - August
  - Revised Draft EIS including comments - September
  - Public Notice and hearing – October / November
- DHH Alliance
  - Did an interview with DHH and Indy Newspaper. Indy article announced our alliance
  - DHH might address Cary Town Council on our behalf end of April
- Habitat for Humanity's "National Women Build Week," May 4-10, 2008. Randy Sink explained this project that takes place in Chatham near Pittsboro. Contact Randy ([randelsink@bellsouth.net](mailto:randelsink@bellsouth.net)) or (919-362-9696) for details and sign up. You can also contact Gaby Formari at (919-542-0794 x 216 or email ([gabyformari@chathamhabitat.org](mailto:gabyformari@chathamhabitat.org))).
- New Hill NC Litter Sweep - Loretta Young will be leading a New Hill NC Spring Litter Sweep day on Saturday April 26. Motto is "Neighbor to Neighbor: Keeping New Hill Litter Free and Beautiful"
  - Volunteers should meet at WT's store at 9 AM to receive instructions and supplies
  - There might be prizes to win from NCDOT!
  - Expect we need about 11 groups with 4 people per group for the project
  - Sweep is expected to take between one and two hours
  - Refreshments and drinks will be available at start of our sweep
  - Email sent to NHCA members with additional details
- Starting this month, NHCA will be mailing NHCA Community Association meeting minutes to addresses that do not have email addresses on record. This should help in our communications to NHCA members.
- Paul and Sue Barth attended Legislative Committee meeting in Raleigh on April 9. Meeting was to hear public comments regarding forced annexation in NC. NC is one of four states that still allow forced annexation! Citizens speaking had very similar concerns to ours – no vote, no voice, and no benefit, only increased taxes to fund municipality growth.
- Next Community Meeting
  - Tentatively scheduled for May 8 at 7 PM – New Hill Baptist Church

## Open Forum

- Sheila Morrison presented her views on the sewage plant and why she was for it. Sheila mentioned that there a several others residents that are also in favor of the sewage plant. Although Sheila does not live adjacent to the proposed location (Site 14), she believes people adjacent to site 14 could benefit from having access to water and sewer available for their property including property Sheila and her family owns. There was a good back and forth discussion with Sheila which allowed the community, many from First Baptist Church and Rev. Clanton, to voice their disagreement with Sheila.
- Louis Powell stated that he still hoped the sewage plant could be prevented from being placed in any location in New Hill.

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