

NHCA, Inc. Community Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2009

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

Guest speakers

- Chris Brook, Southern Coalition of Social Justice (<http://www.southerncoalition.org/>)
 - Working on preparing for EIS Record of Decision (ROD) which is expected late August/early September.
 - Possibilities are: could drop the project, could ask for supplemental comments, or could approve Site 14 and move forward.
 - If Site 14 is approved, still have Final EIS process (hearing and written comments) then ROD
 - Might need litigation. Need to firm up our "legal standing"
 - Still doing publicity campaign (Preservation NC, Capital Area Preservation)
 - Working on political avenue – e.g. Wake County Commissioners resolution
 - Organizing and engaging other groups
 - Looking for any information on Long Leaf Pines in the area
 - A large part of our response to the DEIS focused on the fact that USACE had not adequately addressed how sewage sludge was going to be handled from the sewage treatment plant. In making this case, we were aided by the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and Sue Dayton, whose study on the sludge issue was one of the appendices to our response. I visited Sue's offices and watched a 50 minute documentary raising questions on the application of sludge to farmlands. It is quite good and I was wondering if y'all might be interested in screening it at an upcoming community meeting? If so, Sue would also come and make some additional comments about her group's work on the issue. I just figured this might be a good educational tool for the community as well as a way of keeping folks involved in this process.
 - Would like to have a community photo taken in the historic district. This has been requested by Preservation NC
- Sharon Peterson, Long Range Planning Administrator (Wake County Land Use Planning) along with Larry Morgan and Russ O'Melia
 - Update on Harris Lake Drainage Basin Land Use Study
 - Dan Brubaker and Wake County Planners gave an overview on the project
 - Provided maps of project area (5 mile circle around Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant) and various options being considered
 - Requested community gather input (issues and concerns) and provide to Paul Barth or Dan Brubaker who are representing New Hill's interests
 - Want to balance residential interests with business / commercial which will create jobs
 - Need to plan for emergency evacuation with increased grow
 - Apex, Holly springs, Fuquay-Varina, Chatham Hartnett, and Lee counties aware of this study
 - Looking at possible interlocal agreement between county and towns to abide by development and land use plans
 - Looking at legislation to put "teeth" into Wake County Land Use Plan

Old Business

- New Hill NC Litter Sweep - Loretta Young led this years New Hill NC Spring Litter Sweep day on May 2. Motto was "Neighbor to Neighbor: Keeping New Hill Litter Free and Beautiful"
 - Volunteers met at WT's store at 9 AM to receive instructions and supplies
 - This year's effort was again very successful.

New and Future Business

- USACE
 - Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009
 - Written comments were submitted until Tuesday, April 28, 2009
 - Harris Lake discharge (alternative discharge option)
 - WWP is still working on the study. Current indications still show this option to be very feasible and will provide WWP many cost savings such as many miles of reduced pipelines and

elimination of a pump station. Key issue for New Hill will be if a determination can be made soon enough as to affect the plant location within sewage plant schedule.

- WWP projected project schedule:
 - DENR and USACE Record of Decision (ROD) – August / September 2009
 - Permit applications – September / October 2009
 - Construction would begin early 2010
- Updated NHCA Mission Statement -- now reads: "**We are committed to resisting condemnation of property for facilities that will not benefit our community, opposing the construction of a sewage treatment plant on land formerly owned by the Seymour's that would predominantly service other outside communities, and advancing our common interests by acting as a group with neighboring communities."
- Next Community Meeting
 - **Tentatively** scheduled for August 13 at 7 PM – location First Baptist Church

Open Forum

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