

NHCA, Inc. Community Meeting Agenda and Minutes – June 14, 2007

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

Committee reports and status of activities

- Financial Report (Dan Brubaker)

Old Business

- Donations / Fundraisers
 - Note cards – Anne King project lead. Order form is planned to be placed on our website. Form can be printed, filled out and mailed to Anne. Packages of 6 note cards can be ordered for \$5 (color or B&W)
 - Cookbook – Sandra Barefoot and Mimi Kelly might be taking over as project leads: Book will be based off of 1978 New Hill cookbook. Need to find an older version. Vickie can discuss her ideas with new project lead and meeting with her committee as well as a publisher that Vickie had contacted.
 - Future fundraiser – planning to do bulb sale again -- ordering during July / Aug. Kate Hanser has a preliminary catalog and hopes to have a order list by July's community meeting
- New Hill Slogan contest. We have narrowed down candidates to three candidates. Will accept votes via email, mail, phone, etc. Paul Barth will send out email to solicit votes. Top candidates are:
 - New Hill – Country Living at its Best (12 May meeting attendees voted for)
 - New Hill – Village with a Voice (6 May meeting attendees voted for)
 - New Hill – The Heart of Southwestern Wake (9 May and June meeting attendees voted for)
- Kate Hanser discussed another community yard sale at last meeting. Decided to hold off until October 2007

New and Future Business

- USACE
 - Henry Wicker is now Project Leader for USACE (Wilmington District). USACE took over from DENR
 - Project meeting (PDT) held May 28, 2007. Key items discussed:
 - Permits require completion of Federal 404 process – includes USACE DEIS
 - New Hill issues need to be discussed and addressed in NEPA DEIS
 - Need to consider all (30) alternative locations
 - Process starting from scratch although lots of data collected from DENR SEPA DEIS
 - Chatham County Commissioners were represented. They did not agree with WWP coming into Chatham to run pipelines. Chatham was never consulted. Chatham Attorney prepared to file lawsuit to stop project using eminent domain for pipe routing unless WWP agrees to share 50% Jordon Lake water allocation with Chatham. Action supported by all Chatham Commissioners
 - USACE acknowledges that there are many unresolved issues and project is behind schedule, however, no decision has been made (DENR or USACE) either for site or pipeline routing. CDM consultants (Tommy Esqueda) now report to USACE and will only take directions from USACE
 - PDT will review preliminary DEIS. Once complete, public hearing will be held
 - USACE is not concerned with Jan 2011 deadline
 - New Hill residents can still send letters but should hold until public comment period
 - I will have access to all documents
- PE - Spoke with Marty Clayton. Brought him up-to-date on project. Tried to convince him to have PE voluntarily offer land that would work for both the project and PE. He will discuss with management.
- Wake County Planning meeting – June 6, 2007
 - Planning approved Apex ETJ request to be sent to Wake County Board of Commissioners for approval
 - Discussed urbanizing SW Wake around future 540
 - Annexation of ETJ area planned within 10 years – requires water and sewer
 - ETJ area will be developed – 2.3 homes per acre
 - Wake County is trending towards more small developments vs. large developments
- Stop Annexation Legislative Committee public hearing (HB 86) – June 13, 2007
 - 100 plus attendees from around the State – Who's Who of NC attended
 - all Mayors, League of Municipalities, Chambers of Commerce were in support of current laws
 - numerous horror stories told by affected communities and individuals. Many issues mentioned were very similar to ours – no government representation, fundraisers to hire attorneys, lawsuits, no "We the People"
- Still hearing people receiving letters regarding eminent domain for land needed to run electric and water lines from Apex to New Hill Fire Station. Seems utilities will be on same side of Old US 1 (North side)
- Next Community Meeting
 - Tentatively scheduled for July 12 at 7 PM – New Hill Baptist Church

Open Forum

- Dan Brubaker mentioned about an email he sent out regarding upcoming water quality public hearing
- Suggestion made to speak with Tommy Esqueda regarding his new Wake County position. What is he going to do for New Hill in his new role!
- Suggestion made to send Marty Clayton follow up email to see what PE management said about PE offering land to WWP for sewage plant site. Also, maybe we should send another letter to Daughterly
- Need to find out status from Guy Meilleur regarding his US 1 intersection beautification project.
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