



C O U N C I L M I N U T E S M A R C H 1 1 , 2 0 1 4 , 6 : 3 0 P M , S F D C O M M U N I T Y C E N T E R

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Tim Sessoms. The invocation was led by Linda Southard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Council

Tim Sessoms, Mayor
Dena Barnes
Alicia Flowers
Dianne Laughlin
Elizabeth McClellan

Staff

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager
Jim Secor for William Hill, Town Attorney
Katrina Whitt, Finance Officer
Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk

Barnes motioned to formally excuse Adams, seconded by McClellan, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Laughlin motioned to approve the consent agenda, including the meeting agenda, minutes of the 2/11/14 meeting, and the financial report. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC Highway 150 West said he has spoken with citizens about the public nuisance and junked car ordinances who felt as he does that the ordinances should be dropped instead of only tabled.

Dan Collison of 3315 Cardinal Ridge Drive in Greensboro spoke about 6th congressional district candidate Mark Walker, who he was endorsing.

Bill Stafford and Debbie Stafford of 7525 Greenlawn Drive both spoke against the proposed trail, stating they felt it would result in theft and unsavory people on their property, that it would be stealing family property, and that it would make it unsafe for their grandchildren to play outside.

Frank Ficca of 6300 Westcott Drive asked about the dilapidated frame building beside the former Gordon Hardware building; he would like the material when dismantled. Whitaker stated other people were also interested and the town's intent is to potentially re-use it with renovations, if possible. Otherwise, it might be available in the future. The town wants to be good stewards and it would not be carelessly discarded.

Mark Mortensen of 61 Percheron Trail stated NCDOT would close Bunch Road to traffic from 3/17 to 10/1.

Cheri Pikett of 7804 Robinson Road felt Summerfield should wait for funding before proceeding with the proposed trail. She was in favor of letting private property owners decide without any criticism. She requested that a list of the proposed capital projects for FY2014-15 be put on the town website and asked council look into a water source(s) for the fire department.

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Chip Person of 5876 Stanley Huff Road was against the proposed nuisance ordinance as written and volunteered to serve on a committee to rewrite it. He was against condemning property for the proposed trail.

Don Wendelken of 3406 Windswept Drive felt transparency is very important to inform the public.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive felt the Gordon mobile home park residents were not given adequate notice of the park closing. Regarding the proposed trail, she felt the proper procedure would be to secure easements prior to designing the trail and was against condemnation.

Adrian Williamson of 3901 Lewiston Road felt there were too many projects and too much spending. He stated he was visited by the code enforcement officer following speaking publicly at a council meeting, and said a trail abutting his property brings trash and trespassers.

Paul Lambrecht of 7707 Summerfield Road, chair of the Trails and Open Space Committee, apologized for his use of the word "hermit" during the previous month's presentation and noted he was wrong about the meaning. He wanted citizens to know that the committee is listening to public input and concerns.

Tim Jones of 5015 Shoreline Drive was concerned about the proposed nuisance ordinances and the direction Summerfield is heading and was against the proposed trail as there are other outdoor recreation facilities to use.

John O'Day of 7013 Mustang Court and a member of the trails committee stated the committee has never spoken about condemnation and has done the best they could to propose a trail based on all dynamics given to them. He noted all meetings are open to the public, invited all to attend, and would like to hear citizen suggestions for the route.

Paul Voight of 7715 Summerfield Road felt the dilapidated frame building beside the former Gordon Hardware building is dangerously unstable and may fall into the roadway; he felt Summerfield has too much negativity and too little cooperation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RE: FY2014-15 BUDGET

Dwayne Crawford of 1106 NC Highway 150 West felt the town should use existing property for meetings rather than build or renovate, was against condemnation for a trail, and suggested a route up US 220 in the existing right-of-way.

Gail Dunham of 5805 Snow Hill Drive reiterated her statement about securing trail easements prior to design. She does not think a tax should be levied, recommended investing \$3M in 10-year treasury notes, and felt the town has lost its way through excessive spending.

COMMITTEE / EVENT REPORTS

- A. **Finance:** Whitt stated during the 2/17 meeting the committee requested that the town review park use fees and the proposed SAP second entrance. The next meeting would be 4/21.
- B. **Historical:** Linda Southard said the next meeting would be 3/27.
- C. **Public Safety:** Don Wendelken said the 3/19 meeting was cancelled; the next meeting would be 4/16 at the sheriff substation.

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- D. **Trails & Open Space:** Lambrecht stated the 2/12 meeting was cancelled due to bad weather; the next meeting would be 3/12.
- E. **Founders' Day:** Whitaker said this year's event would take place at SAP due to construction at the fire department; the parade would stay in the previous location but would flow in the opposite direction. The committee is working on logistics and safety issues. Festival attendees would be shuttled from parking lots at Laughlin, Summerfield UMC, and Summerfield Baptist.

Recess from 7:38 pm to 7:50 pm.

BUSINESS FROM TOWN MANAGER

- A. **Introduction of Manager Assistant/Events Coordinator Cheryl Gore:** Whitaker introduced Cheryl Gore, who was hired effective 2/24. She will assist the Town Manager with administrative tasks and projects and also coordinate special events for residents.
- B. **Appointment of Public Safety Committee member (Teresa Pegram):** Flowers motioned to appoint Teresa Pegram to the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Barnes, which carried unanimously.
- C. **Down Syndrome Network of Greater Greensboro's annual Buddy Walk:** Julie Church and Corey Hickling spoke about the group and event, noting the request was to use Summerfield Community Park 10/25 for the 11th annual Buddy Walk. Approximately 750 participants are expected. Following discussion of insurance, logistics, parking, and vendors, Church and Hickling were asked to provide a complete proposal for staff review.
- D. **Gordon property acquisition presentation:** Whitaker provided background information and answered questions from citizens. He stated the assessments had been completed with satisfactory findings and asked council for direction regarding a target closing date. By consensus, council recommended 5/30 as a target closing date for the purchase of the Gordon property.
- E. **Council strategic planning retreat (update):** Whitaker suggested a plan for a specific retreat. By consensus, it was decided to modify the suggested plan and hold a council strategic planning retreat on a Saturday in Summerfield.
- F. **Reports, updates, or comments:** Trails: Whitaker clarified he had not heard any council member discuss a desire to condemn property for trail construction and added that no funds had been committed yet toward design. There was discussion of funding, project ranking, and the RFQ process. Parks & Recreation: The town would be contracting with Growing Green to maintain and improve SAP fields; an RFP was in process for mowing and landscaping of all town facilities, excluding the actual athletic fields; Administration: A new "smartboard" would be installed at town hall for the benefit of staff, citizens, and council; three staff computers were being replaced; the phone system from SAP was being moved to town hall; Planning: N-Focus would need until at least next week to complete more chapters of the UDO rewrite.

Flowers asked if the proposed SAP second entrance would be used by adjacent commercial development; Whitaker replied it would be a public road maintained by NCDOT.



REPORTS, UPDATES, OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Flowers asked when Whitaker's contract was up for review. Council directed Halvorsen to provide evaluation forms for Whitaker and the Town Attorney. The attorney will be evaluated in May and the manager in June.

OTHER BUSINESS

Whitaker will attend the 3/26 TAC/MPO meeting for Barnes who is unable to attend.

Flowers thanked citizens for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide input.

With no further business, a motion was made at 9:53pm by McClellan to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barnes and carried unanimously.

 Tim Sessoms, Mayor

 Valarie R. Halvorsen, Town Clerk