



Fayetteville Council of Neighborhoods

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Neighborhoods in Attendance

Clair Wiseman	Woodland
Michael Thompson	Sunset Woods
Jo Ann Kvamme	Root School
Sarah Lewis	Sang Valley
Bob Caulk	Mount Sequoiah Woods
Susan Jenkins	Elm Easton Baker
Joyce Richards	Hendrix-Maxwell-Stephens
Roy Penney	Paradise Valley
Jim Hunt	North Heights
Dave Flynn	Huntington
Julie Mc Quade	City Coordinator
Karon Reece	Washington Willow
Mark Kinion	Wilson Park
Aubrey Shepherd	Town Branch
Walt Eiler	Waterman Woods

Comments:

Send minutes to Julie and ask her to link them to everyone without sending everyone's e-mails out to all

Meeting began 5:35pm Sarah called meeting to order

Nominating Committee

Bob Caulk, Susan, and Aubrey

Proposed new officers for 2008

President Sarah Lewis

Vice President Michael

Secretary Jo Ann Kvamme

Treasurer Karon Reece

Jim Moved and Clair seconded

Vote was unanimous to accept nominating committees slate of officers

Neighborhood Updates:

Woodland - met January 7 to discuss traffic calming measures. Guests in attendance included Lionel Jordan, Chair Street Committee, both Alderman, and

Ron Petrie, along with about 30 residents. Mr. Petrie gave them a few options and they voted for three speed bumps (two on Popular and one on Miller/Yates. We also decided to put a stop sign at Popular and Woodland. The city voted Monday and the stop sign was up on Tuesday!

Sunset Woods- all quite. A double-duplex sold and they had a problem with student behavior that was taken care of with fines.

Root School - nothing

Washington Willow - quiet

Sang Valley – Youth Can is having a few events 1) Saturday art project for the family and a knitting workshop. It is nice to have the facility active again. Hopefully, next on the list to get a speed table.

Wilson Park – quiet There has been a generous gift by Glen Sowder for the trail system. Traffic calming is having mixed review but generally everyone is happy with them.

Mount Sequoia Woods – nothing

Sarah Question? What happened to land for sale on Mt. Sequoyah?

Bob – there are 97 natural acres. The city bought 67 acres in 2002 and Barber and De palma donated 30 acres to the city. The remaining 80 acres of the De Palma property is for sale.

13.5 acres of the Brooks Hummel Property north of Lake Lucille is a very nice preserve in Ward 2. We now need to look at property in Ward 3 and 4
De Palma property is zoned RSF-4

The pavilion is started but not finished there is a foundation and the first course of stone. It will be built in the CCC style of stone and large beams. Robert Runyon will lay a stone floor once the walls and roof are in place. If you drive to the based of Happy Hollow and Paddock Road and take the trail 300 yards to the NW that is where the pavilion is located. There may eventually be a parking lot but it is not needed at present. Once the pavilion is done the city has funds to build a trail to it with a 3% slope.

Brooks Hummel will have some trail work done by the boy scouts under the direction of Wade Caldwell.

Elm Easton Baker – not much. Greenacres has a property for sale and a business wants to make it a parking lot for their trucks. The city allowed this with stipulations but didn't require sidewalks. Once the property is sold we will write to the owner and voice our concerns. They will be required to put up a decorative fence and have a porous surface for the parking lot. Since Woodland got their

traffic calming we are used as a cut through. Hopefully, we will be in good position to get speed bumps in the future.

Hendrix-Maxwell-Stephens – Our precinct has been moved from Ward 4 to Ward 2 – this is fine we were just surprised. A builder wants to rezone an acre and we are hoping for a compromise.

Paradise Valley – All is good traffic is a concern on Joyce. Commercial businesses are filling the properties and there are not problems so far.

North Heights We have 45 residents seven male, the rest elderly widows and four retired school teachers. We are trying to curb the long arm of Washington Regional Medical center. We are trying to keep one story buildings but what people say they will do and what happens is quite different. A building that was to be one story appears to be about 2 ½ stories. We had a POA meeting January 10 and all are upset by what is to be done and what actually happens. We are trying to be nice neighbors but enough is enough.

Sarah asks Julie if we can help get builders to meet with neighborhoods? It is important to voice your concerns before planning – state your opposition. Write a letter initially so later will legally have the right to sue if need be. If put limits on deed and abstract this may help it will do nothing on the bill of sale.

Julie- Applicants for permits get a letter stating they should meet with the Neighborhood Associations

Mark – if they are up to something they will avoid the neighborhood To really know what is going on you must go to the planning department and review the permits.

Sarah – our role is to check with Julie, go to city meetings and pay attention to public signage so we know what is going on.

Clair – if zoning is appropriate there will be not meetings

Mark – viewing building permits is the only way to know but it is very tedious. Remember the city is here to give you facts but not necessarily advise

Bob – the city has learned lessons about what some people try to get away with and they have tightened restrictions for property on the hill slopes and in the Master plan downtown area trying to stop abuse.

Huntington – Our neighborhood was inactive so we got the association going again. We had a meeting last summer and about 24 people came and we elected officers. We are having some problem with vandalism, which we are trying to

address. We also have a greeting committee that goes and greets new people to the neighborhood.

Michael – when his neighborhood had problems with uninvited evening guests at their pool they called the police and the perpetrators went to jail and it stop!

University Heights – Traffic calming is in the bureaucratic pipeline and has gone from Lionel to Ron and hopefully coming. Razorback road is now open again and with the student returns there are also too many students per residence again. There are also lots of opinions on the new high school location the general opinion (not formal neighborhood opinion) is that putting the high school at the edge of town in crazy.

Mark – FCON unanimously voted for the high school to stay at it's present location.

Karon – There will be an editorial on both sides of the issue in the NW AR Tmes this week.

Steve- personal perspective since he teaches land development law is the numbers reported are outlandish and to move the school and not move the stadium is crazy. They need to look at this whole topic again.

Michael – Was Jefferson settled?

Sarah- It is still for sale and the Arts Center is not going to lease it.

Bob – School District Lawyer said they needed to get faur market value for it so the arts group could not afford it.

Town Branch

Waterman Woods – This is a new Neighborhood to join FCON – welcome! Our neighborhood overpopulated with students. He is trying to find out exactly how severe the problem is. People feel the issues are safety for kids and disruption of the neighborhoods. He saw a program in Tahlequah that originally saw the program at TX A&M called “Be a Good Neighbor”. It encourages student be certified as freshmen and to be approved to live off campus.

Sarah – Remember most students are good - they are not all bad and are an important part of our community.

Mark – If students are acting poorly in the neighborhoods they can be brought before the judicial board on the campus.

Walt – at TX A&M the police and fire go door to door making students aware of parking, fire safety and child safety issues. Complaints dropped off! Will send us a link.

Ideas for Meetings

Trails and sidewalks

Student Issues

Accessory dwelling issue

Mayor candidates to speak

Council of Neighborhood debate

Place

News papers on board

City wide solutions to traffic problems

Steve-Procedures to use to investigate developments within our neighborhoods

City traffic calming creates an unhealthy competition between neighborhoods that can cause problems

Need to have Head of Street Committee and Petry

Chief of Police

Jon Coleman or Steve Russ about Green Valley

Green topics

Conservation Issues

Fayetteville Arts Festival

Look at street design for low-impact development

Bob – 2007 Citizen survey is out on website maybe someone could speak about the survey of 390 people. The tables look contradictory so would like it explained

Julie the survey showed an increase of people getting their information from the FCON increasing 10% from 2005 to 2007!!!!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm