

Fayetteville Council of Neighborhoods  
March 16, 2006

- I. Introductions
- II. Louise Schaper – Blair Library Funding
  - a. They won the “Library of the Year” award for the services they provide, not the building.
  - b. They are good stewards of tax payer money.
  - c. They had an improvement initiative in 1998 to keep up with the high demand.
  - d. They adopted a customer focus.
  - e. Performance metrics –
    - i. checkouts tripled – 1997-2005
    - ii. cardholders quadrupled – 1998-2005 – 15,000 to 60,000
    - iii. program attendance jumped
    - iv. uses increased – computers, reading programs, reference, community groups, etc.
  - f. They consider ways to keep costs down, such as streamlining, auto-checkout, and aggressive discounts on materials.
  - g. They have many volunteers – 14,000 hours/year.
  - h. Private fundraising continues such as Friends of the Library and Fulbright Awards.
  - i. They’ve had 90 years of uncertain funding and there are pressures on the city budget
    - i. 2006 Funding by source
      - 1. 54% city general fund
      - 2. 10% city capital
      - 3. 27% 1 mil
      - 4. 1% other
  - j. Need to secure more stable funding 3.3 mils or 93% = most libraries funded this way.
  - k. Funding needed for services not the building. The building is paid for.
  - l. April 11 – a special mil vote
    - i. This would be a tax of \$46/year for a home that appraised for \$100,000.
    - ii. The collection would be in 2007
  - m. If the mill is approved, the library won’t have to compete for other city services.
  - n. [www.faylib.org](http://www.faylib.org)
- III. Census
  - a. Fayetteville’s increased population warrants a census to gain more federal and state money.
  - b. Visit [www.census.accessfayetteville.org](http://www.census.accessfayetteville.org)

- IV. Neighborhood reports
  - a. Michael Thomas – Sunset Woods
    - i. Bobby New’s home almost finished and appraising for \$500,000.
    - ii. Completed a firewise – Firesafe Fayetteville report
  - b. Sarah Lewis – Sang Valley
    - i. Working on getting a second speed hump put in on Sang.
  - c. Katherine Adam – Town Mountain South
    - i. Stream Impact and maintenance an issue.
    - ii. Several homes being redone.
  - d. Bob Caulk – Mount Sequoyah South
    - i. Hillside ordinance an issue
    - ii. Encouraging people to attend the city council meetings on this issue, and others.
    - iii. April 7 is the next council meeting.
  - e. Victoria Sowder – Mount Sequoyah North
    - i. Issue of the Butterfly house and the Temple meeting place.
    - ii. They are against this type of use because of heavy traffic.
    - iii. Temple looking for other places and the house is still for sale.
  - f. Elaine Stern(sp) – Highland Park –
    - i. Working to resolve traffic issues.
  - g. Nancy Williams – SW Sequoyah
    - i. Still working to change the zoning for the Lindsey junkyard in their neighborhood.
    - ii. City council is working with Lindsey to possibly trade properties.
    - iii. They want to change it from MF 24 to MF6 zoning.
  - h. Colleen Pancake – Mill District
    - i. They are included in the downtown zoning districts and are worried about the greenspace requirement or lack there of within this zoning.
    - ii. Working to ensure that trees and greenspace are priorities in the downtown plans.
    - iii. Hillside proposal states that it must be 70% non-permeable and 30% tree cover and this isn’t enough.
  - i. Doug Walsh – FDP
    - i. Council is waiting for the map to be ready before they go to the ordinance review committee with it.

- V. Next time
  - a. New Fire chief?
  - b. America in Bloom?
  - c. Botanical Gardens?
  - d. Tree preservation – Sarah Patterson?
  - e. Building heights?