

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL ADVANCE
MINUTES
Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, 2007

March 2, 2007

On Friday night, March 2, 2007 the Advance began with dinner from 6:30-9:00 pm, at South Piedmont Community College, Old Charlotte Highway Campus, in Salon A, 4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe, NC 28110. The Village Council, Planning Board, and staff members were present with Larry Parks as facilitator, and many concerned citizens. After dinner and brief introductions, Larry Parks asked everyone for input on their concerns and desires for the Village, including priorities. Items mentioned included growth beyond infrastructure, a park or greenway structure, a group park/amphitheater, roads and major intersections, an identity for the Village, maintain the rural character, housing for aging, bike safety/lanes, updating ordinances, privilege licenses as a source of revenue, crowded schools, build better relationships between long time residents and newcomers, working with Homeland Security, place for teenagers to go, community events, government center, and security issues. There was some discussion of the costs of these “wants”.

March 3, 2007

The Council of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met in the Meeting Room of the Union West Regional Library, at 123 Unionville-Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail, NC on Saturday March 3, 2007 at 9 am.

Present: Mayor Clinton, Mayor Pro-tem Croffut, Council Members Horvath, Mullis, Pierce

Others Present:

Planning Board Members: John Troxell, Chairman; Chuck Adams, Ray Davis, John Grexa, Bill Gwinn and Alternates Bill Fairman and Shirley Wilson

Facilitator: Larry Parks

Interim Village Clerk/Finance Officer: Cheryl Bennett

Planning/Zoning Administrator: Justin Krieg

Gayla Adams, Elaine Rosoff, Ken Long

The Advance began at 9:00 AM.

The morning session was with Council and the Planning Board.

Discussion began on communication between the Planning Board and Council. The goal is for open and honest communications. After discussion of differences, and agreeing to put them behind them, the consensus was that Planning Board and Council members would look forward to working together for the good of the Village. Some items are still pending from the list of planning related issues from last year’s Advance. Council would like the Planning Board to be pro-active, not re-active. Krieg noted that the conditional zoning concept would allow more discussion with developers. Constructive suggestions include having the Clerk send the drafts of the Planning Board minutes to the Council

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members, and for Planning Board members to add a tab to their notebook for “things to change”. Planning Board members can add agenda items; just send them to John Troxell and he will have Justin Krieg add them to the agenda. Planning Board will set priorities, and follow Rules of Procedure. Planning Board does not set policy, they are advisory board; remember roles and responsibilities. The Council will devote the first twenty minutes of their Work Session meetings to planning issues.

After breaking for lunch, the afternoon session began with Council, and one or two Planning Board members remained for part of the session.

Old Items from Last Year:

Phase II Stormwater – issue is finished.

Code Enforcement – Krieg said he spends 3-4 hours per week on this.

Parks & Greenways – this will come under the Master Plan, can also draw info from other towns.

Annexations – plan is done and modified for ETJ.

District Representation – Mullis will work on this, and report back in September.

Land Use Plan - this will come under the Master Plan.

Master Plan – UNCC is doing the plan, and survey questions are being updated. Update survey questions, look at costs for services (one cent tax increase equals about \$50,000), define services (Croffut and Horvath).

Communication –

- a. Newsletter – the first newsletter should be coming out this month.
- b. Website – Tracey Clinton will make this a priority.
- c. We will make a list of the neighborhoods, their HOA presidents, whether their roads have been turned over to the State, and whether they have a list of residents. The Master Plan Committee is compiling some of this info now.

Town Hall – for the short term we are okay; for the long term the Master Plan Committee will be looking at what the residents want.

Welcome Committee - Committee is active.

History – hopefully for Village’s 10th anniversary.

Safety Services – Committee is active.

Employee policies – Bennett has copies of other towns policies, and will forward them to Council; Pierce will work on this and report at the April 16 Work Session.

Council Logistics – will try to have agenda items in ten days before; and the agenda out the week before the meeting. By May, will have supporting information on the website by noon on Fridays. Mullis will check on a PA system so people can hear better at the meetings. For next year’s budget, add projector (Croffut will check into) so that items can be projected at the meetings.

New Items:

Town Land – Mullis said the Fire Department might be interested in a combined fire station/town hall; more information would be needed, and Master Plan survey questions will provide some input; we will see if any other towns have a Volunteer Fire Dept. and town hall on the same site. Re-visit next year.

Employee Policies – discussed as above.

Liquor by the drink – would require a referendum. Will check with Board of Elections to find out lead time and check with other towns that have recently done this (Bennett). Have creditable people come in to discuss the topic (Horvath).

Budget process – Will ask same people to be on finance committee again. Schedule will be: Budget Workshop April 24; Finalize and go to Finance Committee May 21; Public Hearing and potential approval June 19.

NC DOT – don’t have control over roads; but money up front from developers may help State move it up on agenda.

The Advance ended at approximately 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Interim Clerk

Mayor Tracey Clinton