

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2009 – 7:00 P. M.

The Council of the Village of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, met in the Fellowship Hall of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at 120 Potter Road South, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina, with Mayor Tracey Clinton presiding.

Present: Mayor Clinton, Council Members Bradford, and Pierce
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Croffut, Council Member Horvath

Others Present:

Village Clerk/Finance Officer: Cheryl Bennett
Planning/Zoning Administrator: Joshua Langen

Concerned citizens: Carol Mullis, John Lepke, Julie Brown, Shirley Wilson-Casper

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM and a quorum was present.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Clinton led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bradford gave the invocation.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item 4 “REVIEW EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF LARTP” was replaced with “PARKS AND REC UPDATE” since Horvath was not present; and Item 10 “CLOSED SESSION PER NC GS 143-318.11(a) (6) TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT” and Item 11. “ANY DECISIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION” were deleted and will be on the September agenda. Bradford made a motion to approve the agenda with these changes; Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS

Kim Ormiston and Butch Byrum both agreed to being reappointed to the Board of Adjustment. Pierce made a motion to reappoint them to new terms; Bradford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. PARKS AND REC UPDATE

John Lepke from the Parks and Rec committee presented the survey results in a power point. The objectives of the survey were to obtain citizen input regarding recreation activities to guide the planning process and provide required support

for grant applications. Five hundred twenty four responses were obtained, 385 from adults, and 139 from high school students. Mr. Lepke estimated 16% of Wesley Chapel households are represented. Surveys show more females than males responded, about 90% were Caucasian, and a little more than half the high school surveys were from 9th graders. Most respondents have school age children. Eighty seven per cent of respondents live in subdivisions; seven per cent have a household member with a disability or other special need. Statistics were presented on how often respondents visit a park, fitness center/gym, community or cultural event and how likely they would be to do these things if they were located in Wesley Chapel. John Lepke showed various ways the data could be “sliced and diced”. Data showed 82% were likely or very likely to visit a park more often if the park was located in Wesley Chapel, 90% agree or strongly agree a park should be located at the Town Center location, and 80% think it important or very important for the park to have bike and pedestrian access. John Lepke did a GAP analysis which looked at the percentage of people who leave the area to participate in the activity, and took popularity times respondents times 100 divided by 16 to come up with the extended population. He presented a GAP chart to show the top ten in the order of popularity of activity, and computed a HIT, or affected households in the extended population number. The top three were cultural events, fitness and golf. The survey also showed where people go to participate in park and recreation activities, the most popular places were Cane Creek, Col. Francis Beatty park, WCWAA and gold courses. The survey showed 86% are likely or very likely to use Wesley Chapel facilities, and 61% of all respondents are likely or very likely to “buy-a-brick”. The most desired facilities were, starting at the top, walking/paved trails, music/performing arts events, village fair or festival, outdoor amphitheater, hiking/unpaved trails, community cultural events, fishing pond/lake, fitness center/gym, picnic/BBQ areas, and nature center/gardens. The next steps are to fit the GAPS (needs) and wishes of the citizens to potential park sites. A public information session will be held September 24th. Cost estimates and an implementation plan will be developed; a proposal made to Council, and then grant applications made. The committee felt the survey met the objectives.

Thanks were expressed to John Lepke for all his work on the surveys.

5. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Pierce made a motion to call for a public hearing on conditional use permit changes to the Zoning Ordinance for September 14, 2009 at 7 pm at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. Bradford seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STORMWATER CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE AND FLOOD ORDINANCE.

Langen handed out the updated changes to pages 23-25 of the Flood Ordinance. The Ordinance will have a new title, “Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.”

Pierce asked about the definition of freeboard; Langen said the engineer is okay with it. Mayor Clinton asked if the definition of freeboard is in the Flood Ordinance, should it also be in Article 14 of the Zoning Ordinance. Bennett noted FEMA doesn't want that term used anymore; Langen said he will get another explanation on use of the term. This item was tabled to the next meeting, and Langen will see if any changes are necessary regarding freeboard

7. UPDATE ON DRAFT NEWSLETTER

Pierce spoke with Brett Vines who sends out the County electronic newsletter, Al Greene and clerks at Marvin and Weddington. There were no concerns that people might be harmed by releasing their e-mail addresses if requested. We will put a small article in this newsletter and give citizens a choice as to whether they want to send their e-mail address to the Clerk and receive the newsletter electronically, or wish to continue receiving a hard copy. Printing and mailing 3,000 newsletters costs about \$2,000, so this may save some money. It will also allow us to send out more timely information or surveys, and be a green initiative. Marvin sends out a weekly e-mail update. Hopefully we will also get HOA e-mails so they can have the newsletter link at their websites.

8. OTHER BUSINESS - none

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS - none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Bradford made a motion to adjourn; Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Tracey Clinton