

## **NHCA Community Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2005**

**Location:** New Hill Fire Station #2

**Attendees:** New Hill Community (55 in attendance)

**Invocation** - Rev. James Clanton, Pastor of First Baptist Church

**Opening comments** - Rev. James Clanton, Pastor of First Baptist Church

**NHCA Key Highlights Review** – Handout attached

**Neighborhood Watch** – Lynn Buck, Deputy Sheriff, Crime Prevention Unit: Community watch between citizens and sheriffs patrol division. Promoted because we know our neighborhoods and asking community to be on-watch for suspicious activity (people, activities, ours). Criminals do not like light, watched or the feeling of being watched.

### **Committees report and status of activities**

- Treasurer (Dan Brubaker)
  - Balance: \$10,568.80; BBQ funds raised: \$6,106.34
  - 501: Awaiting bylaws gratified
- Legal (Lisa Dahlquist)
  - Retained attorney Bryan Brice, who is partnering with property owner’s attorney
- Publicity (Tonya Forbes)
  - Contact information and sample letters available
- Environmental (Guy Meilleur)
  - Looked at property and in touch with Fish & Wildlife on mussels
  - Inventoried another site in Cary being condemned
  - Fire station #2 landscaping in appreciation to contribute and improve
  - Come fall, looking for help
  - Walked pump station that is adjacent to ATT
  - Volunteered to be block captain
  - Volunteered to co-chair newsletter – need help
- Historical (Wayne Womble / Judy Tysmans)
  - Now: Judy and UNC Southern Oral History, grant supported, volunteered to hold a workshop to gather and write historical documentary. Their only cost is a copy for file. Workshop date in September and location to be determined.
  - Later: Long term, looking for any family history, pictures and put together a publication
- Website (Mimi Kelly)
  - New website address is [www.NewHillCA.org](http://www.NewHillCA.org). The website has been restructured and updated.

### **Old Business**

- Attorney hired – Bryan Brice
- Communications plan – Community meetings, email, telephone tree
- Community Meetings – Aug 18 and Sept 1 (plan on Quarterly meetings)
- Bylaws – Draft reviewed by Executive Committee and website updated now. To be voted on next time.
- Fundraising

- BBQ fund raiser 7/29 exceeded expectations (over \$4000 profit)
- Holland Grill Raffle – tickets available tonight

### **New and Future Business**

- Fundraising
  - Need Chairperson to volunteer
  - Community yard sale with bake sale and raffle
    - Need Fundraiser Chairperson or a volunteer to organize
  - Looking into license plates – need estimate on quantities. Voted on a quantity of 250 each to sell for \$4 - \$5.
- Membership Drive / Committee Sign-up: Need solid number; no fee; 18 years and older should have a membership card
  - Sign-up tonight – Vickie Gardner and Sue Barth
- Donations –
  - Open Pay-Pal account. Takes a percentage, usually 3-5% of each donation – Voted in favor of opening Pal-Pay account instead of Mycheckfree.com account or acceptance of credit cards. Bill Ott reminded us of the dangers of credit card fraud and the expense of processing.
- New Hill Newsletter (monthly ???) – Guy volunteered to co-chair
- CTC protest status – Gayle Welch: Permit obtained for protest march before the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Cary Town Council meetings. Location is across the street from the Herbert Young Community Center in Cary on Wilkerson, 5:30 – 6:30, 25 people are needed to participate in protest march; sign up sheet available. Posters must be ¼” or less poster board. Signs will be available. We cannot vote, but can influence votes.

### **Open Forum**

- Question asked whether Cary has filed for condemnation. In addition, how about Mr. Seymour’s attorney coming to a meeting. Paul said that he would check into it. Two attorney assistants to Bryan Brice are gathering information and putting together an argument for an injunction.
- Five members went on Tuesday at 1:00pm to the Cary Town Public Works office and went through project files looking for things in there to help to support our case.
- NBC17 Open Forum Invitation: It is a type of debate and Susan Moran, Town of Cary, and Tonya and Paul will attend. To be aired Sunday at 11:00 am.