

NHCA Community Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2005

Location: New Hill Fire House – 7:00 PM – 8:20 PM
Attendees: New Hill Community Association (NHCA)– 38 In Attendance

Committees report and status of activities

- Treasurer (Dan Brubaker)
 - Current Balance = \$10,404.60
 - 501 C 4 documents have been filed with the IRS along with \$500 fee
 - Estimated cost of the injunction = \$10,000
- Legal (Paul Barth for Lisa Dahlquist)
 - NHCA has requested all e-mails from the Western Wake Partners (WWP) relating to site selection. Cary has requested additional clarification, and NHCA has replied. Holly Springs has replied, saying it will “take time.” Apex and Morrisville have not replied.
 - Cary filed with the Register of Deeds to condemn the Seymour property on 11 August. NHCA will file an injunction based on the community’s interest in 1-2 weeks.
- Publicity (Paul Barth for Tonya Forbes)
 - Protest was held at Cary Town Hall on 11 August. We had good media coverage. Another protest is scheduled for 25 August, 5:30 PM at the same location. We can accommodate up to 25 marchers.
- Environment (Paul Barth for Guy Meilleur)
 - There is a meeting at the Archdale Building in downtown Raleigh at 6:00 PM on 23 August. This is not a hearing, but an information meeting for the public to review the “secondary and peripheral impacts” outlined in the WWP Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). CH2M Hill is the lead agent for the meeting, and will be making the presentations.
 - Guy and others are making contacts at DENR Division of Water Quality to get familiar with the public review procedure for the WWTP permitting, and to identify and contact key DENR DWQ personnel involved in the review process.
- Historic (Wayne Womble / Judy Tysmans)
 - UNC Southern Oral History will visit New Hill on 17 September.
 - 04 September will be “Old Bonsal Day” at the New Hope Valley Railroad. NHCA will be present with bumper stickers and, hopefully, license plates. www.nhvry.org/
- Website (Mimi Kelly)
 - The web site is up and running. www.newhillca.org

Old Business

- Communications plan
 - NHCA plans to continue the same open forum meeting as we are doing. Meetings will be held monthly until at least the end of 2005, when we will reevaluate the intervals.
- Community Meetings
 - Next meeting Sept 1 – New Hill Baptist Church (to be confirmed)
- Fund raising
 - Holland Grill Raffle drawing will be held 01 September at the next Community Meeting. Huge thanks to Jerry Gunter and Don Lawrence for donating this exceptional prize valued over \$600!
 - NHCA is still looking for Fundraiser Committee Chairperson.
 - Community yard sale with bake sale and raffle. Those who have volunteered to coordinate the yard sale are asked to begin finalizing the plans.
 - License plates designs are available for review and comment. Paul Barth wants to order the plates soon, so they will be available for the “Old Bonsal Days” celebration.
- Membership Drive / Committee Sign-up

- Sue Barth is accepting membership forms. Give them to Sue or mail them to New Hill Community Association, P. O. Box 68, New Hill, NC 27562.
- Donations
 - Thanks to Lisa Dahlquist and Mimi Kelly for implementing a pay pal account on the NHCA web site. Donations can now be made by credit card. Checks can still be mailed to the NHCA P. O. Box.
- New Hill Newsletter
 - Guy Meilleur is working on the format and the method of implementing the newsletter. He is looking for volunteers to assist.

New and Future Business

- Evaluating EIS documents and preparing for Public comments meeting 23 August at 6:00 PM at the Archdale Building. For map and directions, click here: <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/directions.html>
- NHCA is trying to coordinate a meeting with the Cary Town Council. Information will be posted on the web site as we learn more.

Open Forum

- Mr. Womble encouraged a boycott of Cary and Apex businesses to pressure business owners to contact their respective Town Councils.
- Mike Nagel recommends all residents test their well water for benzene. A contact number will be posted to the web site.
- As far as we know, the Town of Cary has not asked Progress Energy if they are willing to sell land for the WWTP, and Progress Energy has not volunteered.
- There was some discussion of potential WWTP sites in Chatham County that will have minimal impact on people and communities.
- Why is Cary in a rush? Cary has cited a mandate from DENR to discharge into the Cape Fear Basin, although DENR has explicitly stated that a regional facility is “neither encouraged nor expected.” (See Phase 1 Study Executive Summary page ES-6.) <http://www.westernwakepartners.org/phaselstudy.pdf>
- Does the \$27M includes the non-potable return lines? It does not appear so.
- Will there be a time element to the injunction? That will depend on the grounds for the injunction. We will only know once the injunction is filed.
- Are we personally financially liable for delays? Can Cary sue us for delaying the project? No.
- Is there archaeological interest in the site? None that we have found. The WWTPs are likely planning to mitigate away any environmental, historic, or other impacts.

Adjourn – 8:20 PM.