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Long Range Planning Board Meeting **Organizational Meeting**

January 10, 2000/Dr. F. B. Nowlan Building, Pleasant Garden Community Center

Next Meeting

Monday, February 14, 1999, 7:00 p.m. – Dr. F. B. Nowlan Building, Pleasant Garden Community Center

Members in attendance

April Wreath/Chairman
Jean Greeson/Vice Chairman
Wilbur Berry
Pete Freeman
Richard Jaeger
Wayne Richardson
Rick Sherwood
Tom Sizemore

Members absent

David Surgeon

Others in attendance

Bill Wright/Mayor
Mary Ann McNabb/Mayor Pro-Tem
Hanna Cockburn/Guilford County Planning Department
Ann Bailie/Town Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem McNabb called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Wright gave the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

A quorum was present.

Oaths of Office

Mayor Wright administered oaths of office to Wilbur Berry, Pete Freeman, Jean Greeson, Richard Jaeger, Wayne Richardson, Tom Sizemore, and April Wreath.

All attendees introduced themselves and told a little bit about themselves.

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Elections

Mayor Pro-Tem McNabb opened the floor for nominations for the position of chairman. Ms. Greeson nominated Ms. Wreath. Mr. Berry seconded the motion. Mr. Sizemore moved to close the nominations.

Motion carried/ unanimous

Mr. Sherwood arrived at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Wright swore him in.

April Wreath was elected chairman of the board.

Vote/ unanimous

Ms. Wreath opened the floor for nominations for the position of vice chairman. Mr. Berry nominated Ms. Greeson. Mr. Sizemore seconded the motion. Mr. Richardson moved to close the nominations. Mr. Berry seconded the motion.

Motion carried/ unanimous

Jean Greeson was elected vice chairman of the board.

Vote/unanimous

Approval of Minutes

It was noted that on page 84 of the minutes from the meeting of December 1, 1999, under "Southern Guilford Area Plan," sixth paragraph, "was" should be "were". In the next sentence, "a lower" should be replaced with "the lowest".

Approved/ voice vote

Committee Reports

Southern Guilford Area Plan

Vice Chairman Greeson reported that the assistant fire chief was in attendance and had reported that coverage was adequate.

In response to a question by Mr. Sizemore, Ms. Cockburn said the Southern Guilford Area Plan would be presented to the Pleasant Garden Town Council for its approval.

Mr. Berry recommended that any communication with the fire department be handled through the chief. Mayor Wright agreed and also suggested contact could be made through the Chairman of the Board of the Fire Department. He said the Fire Department had a Long Range Planning Board and a meeting was planned with representatives of the Fire Department's Long Range Planning board and himself, Ms. McNabb and probably someone from Pleasant Garden's Long Range Planning board.

The Air Quality report was tabled until the next meeting because of the absence of Mr. Surgeon.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Annual Report

The Board reviewed the annual report and agreed that no changes were necessary. It was noted that Dr. Nancy Routh would present the report at the next Town Council meeting.

ATTACHMENT: Long Range Planning Board Annual Report (2 pages)

In regard to the Town Square and Grants items, Mayor Wright said that Dr. Fields met with a representative from the Department of Commerce who surveyed Pleasant Garden relative to a Town Square/Municipal Area. He said that a report would be presented at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals for the year

Chairman Wreath asked each board member to offer priorities for the year. Items included:

- Water/sewer; municipal area; roads (Sizemore)
- Continue in the direction established last year (Sherwood)
- Long range plan for commercial development; determine commuting patterns of residents (Jaeger)
- Do as much as possible with as little money as possible because our funding would be cut if the County Commissioners change the method of distributing sales tax money (Greeson)
- Water/sewer; buy property for municipal center/build town hall, but not necessarily if it would mean a tax to provide water/sewer (Berry)
- Continue slow pace of development; follow Southern Guilford Area Plan; inventory and synthesize elements of the town (Richardson)
- Growth; water/sewer (Freeman)
- Water/sewer (Wreath)

Mayor Wright said Pleasant Garden was not a member of the Triad Water Authority. He said most of the members do not need water from Randleman Dam and he felt sure Pleasant Garden could purchase water from Authority members. He also said he had gotten positive response from Greensboro when he proposed looping a trunk line around Pleasant Garden once water was available from the dam.

The Mayor said he thought it was very possible that once Greensboro's Osborne water treatment plant upgrade was complete, that Pleasant Garden businesses and residents would be allowed to hook onto existing sewer lines in the downtown area. He also said that it was very unlikely that Pleasant Garden could get a permit from the state to build a water treatment plant because Pleasant Garden was in the same watershed as the Osborne treatment plant.

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Mayor Wright said that serious thought would be needed to consider providing sewer only, because of the possibility of groundwater depletion due to pumping water out of the ground and shipping it away.

Chairman Wreath said that it seemed to be the consensus of the board to establish the following priorities:

1. Water and sewer
2. Land for a municipal area
3. Monitor the Southern Guilford Area Plan as it related to Pleasant Garden
4. Road paving and maintenance
5. Thoroughfare plans

Room setup/tear-down

Ms. Bailie explained that last year Mayor Wright, Sharron Thompson, or she set up the tables and chairs for all the meetings. She said that this year all boards were being asked to prepare a schedule of volunteers to arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to set up the meeting room.

Mr. Freeman and Mr. Berry volunteered to set up the room in February. Mr. Sizemore and Ms. Greeson volunteered to set it up in March.

Public Comment

None

Board Comment

Mr. Richardson displayed a map and overlay that showed rivers, creeks, ridges, etc.

There being no further business to come before the Council, adjournment was proposed.

Motion carried/general consent/8:43 p.m.

Clerk

Date

Chairman