

**TOWN OF WEDDINGTON  
REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Town of Weddington, North Carolina, met in a Regular Session in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104 on Monday, August 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Debra Korb presiding.

Present: Chairman Debra Korb, Jeff Perryman, Scott Buzzard (Arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Nancy Pulcini, Stephanie Belcher (Arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Town Planner Jordan Cook and Town Clerk/Administrator Amy S. McCollum

Absent: Vice-Chairman L.A. Smith and Sharon Sanders

Visitors: Walker Davidson and Katherine Armstrong

**Item No. 1. Open the Meeting.** Chairman Debra Korb began the August 24, 2009 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting at 6:02 p.m.

**Item No. 2. Determination of Quorum.** There was not a quorum at this time so only discussion of items was pursued.

**Item No. 3. Old Business.**

**A. Discussion of the Development of a Park Survey.** Chairman Korb advised that Vice-Chairman L.A. Smith is preparing a short five question survey to be distributed at the Ice Cream Social to individuals wishing to participate.

**B. Discussion of Litter Sweep (September 19 through October 3, 2009).** Nancy Pulcini will work on the next scheduled Litter Sweep event. She felt that it is better to encourage people to do their individual programs at their own schedules instead of setting one set date. Chairman Korb will prepare a Press Release and update the Litter Sweep Flyer to be distributed to the churches, schools and local organizations.

Town Administrator/Clerk Amy McCollum advised that Weddington High School Principal Brad Breedlove had volunteered the service clubs to adopt a highway for litter collection.

Ms. Pulcini will handle contacting the local churches and groups and Stephanie Belcher will work will notifying the schools.

Supplies will be available for individuals to pick up at the Town Hall.

**Item No. 4. Open the Meeting.** Chairman Korb officially called the August 24, 2009 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting to order at 6:08 due to now having a quorum.

**Item No. 5. Continuation of Old Business.**

**A. Discussion of Tree Lighting Event – December 6, 2009.** Scott Buzzard and Nancy Pulcini volunteered to organize the Tree Lighting Event to be held December 6, 2009. Further details will be discussed at the November Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

**B. Discussion of Plans for Labor Day Ice Cream Social – September 6, 2009.** Chairman Korb invited all individuals to attend the Labor Day Ice Cream Social on September 6, 2009.

**C. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Mission Statement.** Chairman Korb read the following Mission Statement:

**The Town of Weddington Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** serves to promote a sense of community, encourage fellowship, and cultivate pride in the Town of Weddington. To accomplish these goals, we shall strive to develop and maintain quality parks and facilities; to preserve open/natural spaces, and provide recreational programs which enrich the quality of life for residents, visitors and future generations.

Mr. Jeff Perryman moved to approve the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Mission Statement. Mr. Buzzard seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Buzzard, Belcher and Pulcini  
NAYS: None

**D. Discussion of Plans for Acre Behind Town Hall.** Town Planner Jordan Cook gave the following update on a meeting that occurred on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> with Town Staff, NCDOT and the Weddington Corners Business Owners regarding the Hwy. 16 and 84 road widening projects. He stated, “Barry Moose, Richard Hancock, Scott Cole, Rick Baucom and Tawana Brooks were in attendance for NCDOT while there were approximately 15-18 Weddington Corners and Weddington United Methodist Church business owners in attendance. The goal of this meeting was to get input and suggestions from the business owners impacted by the Hwy. 16 and 84 road widening projects. Business owners were able to express their concerns to Town Staff and NCDOT. Most concerns were raised over the ingress and egress of the site. Many business owners were concerned about the lack of access to Hwy. 84 going east towards Monroe. NCDOT asked that the business owners make suggestions on how to improve access onto Hwy. 84 East. The business owners suggested the following three alternatives:”

1. **A full movement intersection with a traffic light at the Mills Cleaners entrance (northern most entrance on Providence Road).** NCDOT said that they would evaluate this alternative but felt that it would create too many traffic lights within a short stretch of roadway. There would be traffic lights along Providence Road at Hwy. 84, Hemby Road and into Weddington Corners. Scott Cole with NCDOT also stated that “a new signal at that location would make Providence Road 50% less efficient the day it opened.”
2. **Reduce the length of the median/island along Hwy. 84 to allow a left in and left out of Weddington Corners (current plans show a continuous median/island going from Providence Road to Weddington-Matthews Road).** NCDOT felt that this was an unsafe alternative and would lend itself to “Good Samaritan accidents”. These are accidents that often happen when someone is making a left (into the shopping center from Hwy. 84) and cannot see across both lanes of traffic (one lane is stopped to allow the person to make the left) due to a limited sight distance. Barry Moose with NCDOT stated that this may only work for 1-2 years. He stated that NCDOT would have to extend that median/island at a later date due to increased traffic volume. Most of the business owners tended to agree that an unsafe shopping center is even worse than a shopping center that is just difficult to get into.
3. **Install a temporary access road/driveway across Town owned property to provide access to Weddington-Matthews Road.** NCDOT stated that this is probably the best alternative and that it should be able to become part of the Hwy. 16 and 84 project. NCDOT

also stated that they would be able to build it but not sure of how much they could help financially. NCDOT and Weddington Corners would need to get the permission of the Town of Weddington to construct this temporary road/driveway. Barry Moose with NCDOT stated that ideally it would be built to NCDOT standards but the actual design would come later. There was a general consensus among business owners that this is the most viable and promising option.

NCDOT Chief Operating Officer Jim Trogdon will be in Weddington on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to hear the results of the meeting between Town Staff, NCDOT and business owners. At the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting the business owners hope to inform Jim Trogdon of their consensus alternative. If this alternative is approved, it could then become part of the Hwy. 16 and 84 road widening project.

Dr. Katherine Armstrong, a business owner at the Weddington Corners Shopping Center, stated, “We want Parks and Recreation but without access for the businesses in the shopping center, there will be a dead shopping strip and that is not conducive to parks. We do not care how it is done. We do not have five to ten years for a connector road to be built.”

Dr. George Pinsak – I own the property next door. If there is not access to get in and out of the Shopping Center, it will be closed in not three to five years but two years.

**Item No. 6. New Business.**

Town Administrator/Clerk Amy McCollum advised the Committee that Mayor Nancy Anderson wanted to make them aware of the upcoming Providence VFD Annual Golf Tournament and asked if the Committee/Town wanted to sponsor a team. The information is on the website. The Committee did not have interest in sponsoring a team but will work on telling others in the community about the tournament. Mayor Anderson also wanted the Committee to be sure to work with the Weddington Schools on any fundraisers that they have planned.

**Item No. 7. Approval of Minutes.**

**A. June 15, 2009 Continued Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.** Ms. Belcher moved to approve the June 15, 2009 Continued Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Pulcini seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Buzzard, Belcher and Pulcini  
NAYS: None

**Item No. 8. Adjournment.** Mr. Perryman moved to adjourn the August 24, 2009 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Ms. Pulcini seconded the motion, with votes recorded as follows:

AYES: Perryman, Buzzard, Belcher and Pulcini  
NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Debra Korb, Chairman

Attest:

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Amy S. McCollum, Town Clerk