



Glenwood CAC

Newsletter of the Glenwood Citizens Advisory Council

July 2010

July 26th, Meeting Agenda

7:30 – 9 :00 p.m.

Glen Eden Park Community Center

1500 Glen Eden Drive, Raleigh

If you would like a ride to the meeting, please contact organizer Linda Watson at 781-1044 or linda@lindawatson.com.

- I. Welcome and CAC updates (5 minutes)
- II. City reports
 - B. Laurel Hills Community Center report (5 minutes)
 - C. Police report by Officer Barbie Upchurch (5 minutes)
- III. Recap and Voting on Two Zoning Cases (30 minutes)
 - A. Rezoning case Z-16-10/Wade Avenue – This case involves 3 residential lots on Wade Avenue that have been rentals for some time. Those lots would become Shopping Center – Conditional use and the entrance to the shopping center would be modified. The major concern was what kind of buffer would be used between this property and the lots behind them. See below for the general public hearing on this case. For more information, see the website www.abetteridgewood.org.
 - B. Rezoning case Z18-10/Century Drive – This case involves the correction of a mapping error. There is a tiny parcel of land inside an O & I -2 parcel that needs to be changes to conform.
- IV. Raleigh's New Development Code and What it Means to You (30 minutes) – Doug Hill, our Planning Department representative, will help us understand the project to revise Raleigh's development (zoning) code. Learn what might change and how you can get involved, with a special focus on changes that could affect the Glenwood CAC. For more information on the new code, see the excellent website created by Philip Poe of the Five Points CAC at <http://fivepointscac.org/newraleighcode/>
- V. Announcements, new business, and discussion.

Mark your calendar for more CAC meetings

We'll continue to meet at the Glen Eden Pilot Park Community Center, 1500 Glen Eden Drive, on the last Monday of each odd month in 2010, with one exception. In November we will meet on the third Monday to minimize conflicts with Thanksgiving plans.

You can look forward to great featured presentations, based on your response to our fall survey.

September 27 – topic: how walkable and bikeable is our CAC?

October – greenway cleanup day

November 15 – Keeping your independence: Raleigh's programs to help keep people continue to live at home instead of moving to assisted care.

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Public meeting about Ridgewood rezoning on July 20th

The public hearing for Rezoning case Z-16-10/Wade Avenue will be Tuesday, July 20, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett Street, Raleigh. Our CAC vote on this zoning case will be reported at the first hearing of this case by the Planning Commission, which will occur no sooner than July 27th. You are welcome to go to the public hearing as well as coming to the CAC meeting.

Public meeting about Jaycee Community Center on August 2

Come learn about and comment on a proposed renovation to the Jaycee Community Center. Although not in our CAC, this community center is near enough to be used by many of our members. The meeting will be Monday, August 2, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at, of course, the Jaycee Community Center at 2405 Wade Avenue. Architecture firm New City Design Group will present the proposed design.

Progress on Greenway Access at Ridge Road

Our District E City Councilor, Bonner Gaylord, responded positively to our resolution about making the Ridge Road connector to the greenway the first priority in the two-part project. He contacted City Manager Russell Allen, who wrote, "As we develop a relationship with the contractor on this greenway project we can certainly request that the Ridge Road connector be completed and opened before the remainder of the project is complete. As you know, there may be practical and financial obstacles. I will ask our staff to do their best to see if this is possible." Thanks to both of them for helping our neighborhood make full use of this terrific resource as soon as possible.

Minutes from the May 24, 2010 Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Linda Watson, Richard Bostic, Margaret Link, Barbie Upchurch, Jonathan Edwards, Doug Hill, Cindy Williams, Kelly Beach, Vic Lebsock, about 25 CAC residents.

Linda Watson called the meeting to order at 7:30.

POLICE REPORT: The most significant event during the last two months was a robbery at Women's Club Drive. An arrest was made. The rest of our report was very good.

LAUREL HILLS REPORT: A game of Parks and Recreation Bingo served to focus attention on the things that that are happening to recreation opportunities in Raleigh. These include:

Little Rock Greenway which links the Greenway from Umstead Park to
Walnut Creek

Neuse River corridor – 28 miles from Falls Dam to the Wake/Johnston
County line

New Park Planning section on the city web site – parks.raleighnc.gov

Pullen Park closed for renovation until summer 2011

Sassafras playground renovation at Laurel Hills Park (accessible to everyone)

Marsh Creek Skate Park – open in July

GREENWAY UPDATE:

Ridge Road access – this project has been contracted and will start on about 4 weeks. It is a 2-year contract and the contractor sets the schedule. There may be some stages open early but that depends on the contractor. The following resolution will be sent to the City Council:

Whereas the Ridge Road Connector to the Greenway is part of a two-part project, and

Whereas more than 500 people signed the petition that led to the Ridge Road Connector project being authorized,

Be it resolved that the Council request that the contractor develop a schedule that allows them to complete and open the connector to Ridge Road as soon as possible, if they can do so without incurring extra cost or time.

The resolution passed 10-0.

Beaver Dam Greenway – issues on this greenway section are parking on the path and soil washing onto the path from construction of new houses. It was suggested that the no parking signs should face in both directions and posts installed to discourage parking. Mr. Lebsock agreed to look into these items.

Ridge Road bike lanes. The no parking times in the bike lanes have changed in some places.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Doug Hill of the Raleigh Planning office distributed information about the city's Planning Department activities.

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Rezoning case Z18-10/Century Drive – first presentation only. This case involves the correction of a mapping error. There is a tiny parcel of land inside an O & I -2 parcel that needs to be changes to conform. There was no discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Rezoning Cases

See rezoning map(s): <http://www.raleigh-nc.org/planning/Zoning/index.html>

Rezoning Case – Z-16-10

Petitioner(s): Country Club Homes, Inc., P.O. Box 19726 Raleigh, NC 27619

Property Owner(s): Same as Above

Contact Person(s): Jason L. Barron and Michael Birch, K&L Gates LLP, P.O. Box 17047 Raleigh, NC 27619
(919) 743-7343 Jason.Barron@klgates.com & (919) 743-7314 Michael.Birch@klgates.com

Location: North of Wade Avenue at its intersection with Faircloth Street.

Acres: 0.9 acres

Current Zoning District(s): Residential –4

Proposed Zoning: Shopping Center—Conditional Use

Rezoning Case – Z-18-10

Petitioner(s): City of Raleigh, P.O. Box 590 Raleigh, NC 27602, (919) 5162626

Property Owner(s): Patrick Investment Corp., P.O. Box 6833 Richmond VA. 23230

Contact Person(s): Travis Crane, P.O. Box 590 Raleigh, NC 27602 (919) 516-2626, Senior Planner, Dept. of City Planning

Location: South side of Century Drive, East of Leadmine Road

Acres: 4.5 acres

Current Zoning District(s): Residential –4 and Office and Institution –2 with Special Highway Overlay District –2

Proposed Zoning: Office and Institution –2 with Special Highway Overlay District –2



Community Services News

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Volunteers step up to assist Raleigh Police Department

Raleigh Police volunteers Doug Donald and Bruce Carper peered through a window of a locked garage. A toddler played in a car inside, unaware of his predicament.

"The baby was having a good time," Carper recalled later. The two volunteers were the first to respond to a call about the child, who had locked himself in the garage. Fortunately, the child was not in immediate danger, so Donald and Bruce kept watch and comforted the child's mother until his father arrived with a garage-door opener.

Donald and Carper told the story recently as the police volunteer program celebrated its first anniversary. Police volunteers perform administrative duties, patrol parks and greenways, aid motorists in trouble and help at special events, among other jobs – such as coming to the aid of mischievous toddlers.

Some police volunteers are members of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, which is administered by the Community Services Department. Donald is among the RSVP volunteers.

Another RSVP volunteer, retired home builder Ken Bluestone, takes reports from burglary victims and has helped find leads that way. Bluestone volunteers eight to 12 hours a week – more than the minimum 15 hours a month that the department requests.

Police Chief Harry Dolan values the volunteers' assistance. "We think it is a wonderful opportunity for our police department to benefit, the community to benefit and the volunteers to benefit," he said.

If you are 55 or older and want to join the RSVP program as a police volunteer, contact Jennifer Robinson-Hartle in the Community Services Department at 996-5727 or jennifer.robinson-hartle@raleighnc.gov. For more information about the police volunteer program, contact Bruce Embry at 996-1118 or rpdvolunteer@raleighnc.gov.

Upcoming Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange offers opportunity to network

Mark your calendar for the Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange, a one-day neighborhood networking and educational event Sept. 18 at N.C. State University's McKimmon Center.

A citizens committee is helping to plan the Exchange, which will offer Raleigh residents the chance to learn from experts and each other about how to help neighborhoods flourish. Registration fee will be \$10.

We'll be sharing more details as they become available. In the meantime, many thanks to these committee members for their work on this event:

- Tsegga Medhin (Northwest CAC), chair
- Viola Bullock (Southeast CAC), vice chair
- Avis Christian (Northeast CAC)
- Arlene Sanders (Mordecai CAC)
- Jacqueline Tavarez (South CAC)
- Charles Upchurch (South CAC)
- Gary Wiggins (Five Points CAC)
- Jackielyanne Tavarez, teen representative

To learn more about the Exchange, contact Charlene Willard at 996-5718 or charlene.willard@raleighnc.gov.

July community dialogue to focus on aging

You are invited to take part in a discussion about how the City of Raleigh should engage people of Baby Boomer age and older.

A community dialogue sponsored by the Human Relations Commission will explore the question "Is Older Better?" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 24, at the Barwell Road Community Center, 3935 Barwell Road.

This is one in a series of dialogues the Commission is holding on how to ensure access and opportunity for everyone.

To find out more, contact Marionna Poke-Stewart at 996-5726 or mariona.poke-stewart@raleighnc.gov.