

July 2010



Citizens Advisory Council Community Newsletter

Hillsborough Street CAC

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July 15th, 2010 7:00 P.M.

Pullen Arts Center, 105 Pullen Road

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Minutes
3. No standing reports in July
4. Final discussion and vote on the proposed Bolton rezoning (Z-11-10) (20 min. presentations, 20 min. discussion and vote)
5. Presentation/discussion of traffic concerns on St. Mary's St. and Park Ave. at Flint St. (10 min. presentation, 15 min. discussion)
6. Proposed CAC boundary changes (5-min. introduction, 20 min. discussion)
7. Next meeting agenda/new business



*Note from Chair
Ana Duncan Pardo*

Hi folks,

It's been a long time in the making, but we'll finally be taking a vote on the proposed rezoning of the 6.5-acre assemblage that includes the Bolton Property. Also, I hope to bring some of the extra squash and cucumbers from the CAC community garden to the meeting-- first come, first serve!

Ana Duncan Pardo
Chair, Hillsborough
CAC



Asset-Based Community Development

The Raleigh Community Services Department follows a strategy known as “asset-based community development” as a way for people to play an active role in running their own communities. People in the community decide what is important for themselves, while the Community Services Department offers guidance when requested.

“Asset-based community development” also means that members of a community draw on their own talents and resources – or “assets” – to make the community stronger. Everyone in the community – regardless of age, income, background or physical ability – has something to contribute.

When people mobilize their own assets, there are many benefits. Individuals feel respected and valued. Neighborhoods are self-supportive. Resources that might have been overlooked are used to their full potential. People are active participants, not passive consumers of services. And democracy is stronger, because people are more involved.

Neighborhood Registry

The Neighborhood Registry serves as the official list of neighborhood-based organizations throughout the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. Is your neighborhood-based organization on the Registry?

The Registry is open to all sorts of neighborhood groups – neighborhood associations, garden clubs, homeowners’ associations and others.

With the Registry, the City is able to stay in touch with neighborhoods about activities and events of interest to them. Plus, organizations on the Registry are eligible to apply for neighborhood improvement grants from the City. To register your neighborhood-based organization, contact the Community Services Department at (919) 996-6100.

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City Council/Mayor's office
996-3050

City Manager
996-3070

Community Services
996-6100

Police Downtown District
996-6167

Police (non-emergency)
996-3335

Crime Stoppers
834-4357

Inspections
516-2495

Public Utilities
857-4540

Public Works
996-3030

Street light outages
508-5400

**Water/Sewer Emergency
Hotline**
250-2737 (weekdays)
829-1930 (afterhours, weekends
and holidays)

Solid Waste
996-6194

**Neighborhood Improvement
Matching Grants**
996-6100

Pullen Arts Center
996-6126

CAT Bus information
485-7433

Library Information
250-1200

Minutes From May

Hillsborough CAC meeting

June 17, 2010

7:00 pm

Pullen Arts Center

Standing Reports: Officer Barbie Upchurch gave the police report, which continues to be good for the Hillsborough CAC area. She invited anyone with questions about police activity in the neighborhood to call her at 996-1399. Eliza Kiser gave the parks report, providing flyers and brochures on upcoming events, and activities at the Pullen Arts Center. Christy Brackett from Legacy Event Planners reported that the Hillsborough Renaissance Fair will be September 25 this year, partnering with the Hillsborough Street re-opening.

Elizabeth Alley gave an update on the status of the West Morgan Area Study. City planning staff will release the study with comments tomorrow (that is, June 18), and it will go to city council July 20. The resolution passed at the CAC's May meeting to extend Whitley Street went to the Public Works Committee and is under consideration. The other resolution passed at the CAC's May meeting to include form in the West Morgan Area Study has been given to the Planning Department staff, who say that form will be addressed.

Ted Van Dyke gave an update on the FMW's proposed development of the Bolton property. FMW has filed to rezone the property to Pedestrian Business Overlay District, because the PBOD is the only zoning designation that allows 250 residential units per acre. The update included the following more specific information than had been previously presented to the CAC: 75% of the facades along Hillsborough Street are proposed to have active uses, and 50% of the facades along other streets. 10% of the Phase I are proposed to be public open space, with another 10% private open space. There was a discussion of whether to view pictorial representations of the proposals. Such representations do not commit developers, and are occasionally misleading. James Stevens moved and Betsy Kane seconded a motion not to see the representations; the motion passed unanimously.

Betsy Kane gave a presentation on the West Morgan Street area, with specific recommendations for development on the Bolton property. The recommendations called for more street facade active use, less mass, lower heights especially near current neighborhoods, more varied usable open space, and more shared street parking than the proposed dedicated parking.

A motion was made and seconded to extend the discussion of whether to endorse FMW's proposal until the July meeting. The motion passed 11-10.

Elizabeth Alley presented the second required presentation to the CAC on the proposed rezoning of the Cameron Village single family neighborhood. John Farnum moved to endorse the rezoning and Bob Geary seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Transit workshops are scheduled across the Triangle area. The closest will be on July 28, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Raleigh Convention Center. More details are available at www.ourtransitfuture.com.

The CAC has spent all but \$20 of its city funding for the fiscal year.

Zoning Cases:

Rezoning Cases – Z-11-10

Petitioner(s): FMW at Hillsborough & Morgan LLC, 132 Brevard Court Charlotte, NC 28202

Property Owner(s): FMW at Hillsborough & Morgan LLC, 132 Brevard Court Charlotte, NC 28202

Contact Person(s): Mack Paul and Michael Birch K & L Gates LLP, P.O. Box 17047 Raleigh, NC 27619, 919-743-7326 Mack.Paul@klgates.com, 919-743-7314 Michael.Birch@klgates.com

Location: South side of Hillsborough Street, between Park Avenue and West Morgan Street. 6.67 acres

Current Zoning District(s): Residential- 20, Office & Institution-2, Buffer Commercial, Neighborhood Business and industrial-2.

Proposed Zoning: Industrial-2— Conditional Use, all with Pedestrian Business Overlay District.

Downtown Traffic Alerts:

The following street closings will affect traffic patterns downtown over the next several weeks. This listing will be continuously updated so bookmark this page or check back often.

JULY

- On July 7, 14, 21, and 28, the 400 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. from Davie Street to the Cabarrus Street extension for the City Plaza Farmer's Market.
- On July 10, the 2700 block of Community Drive will be closed from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Also, the 2200 block of Spacious Skies Street will be closed from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the 400 block of Polk Street will be closed from 3 p.m. until 11 p.m.
- On July 19, the 1400 block of Nottingham Road will be closed from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- On July 20, the 100 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. for a parade.
- On July 23-25, traffic will be affected for a street festival. The 400 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 6 p.m. on July 23 until 6 a.m. on July 25.
- On July 24, traffic will be impacted for a parade. The group will assemble on the 100 block of Hillsborough Street at 10 a.m. At noon, the parade will enter Salisbury Street and proceed south, turn left onto Morgan Street, right onto Fayetteville Street and proceed to Davie Street. The parade is expected to end at 2 p.m.
- On July 25, the 300 block of Pace Street will be closed from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- On July 29, the 400 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m.
- On July 30 through August 1, the 100 through 500 blocks of Fayetteville Street and the 00 blocks of Hargett, Davie and Martin streets will be closed from 6 p.m. on July 30 until 7 a.m. on August 1.



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.