

North Central CAC

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NCCAC
Chairperson
Octavia Rainey

Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Tarboro Road Community Ctr.
7p.m. – 8:30p.m.



AGENDA

- I. Police Report
- II. Community Garden Presentation
- III. PROP – Terry Jones, City of Raleigh, Senior Multi-Trade Inspector
- IV. National Night Out – Tues. August 3, 2010. Joint venture with North Central CAC and Tarboro Road Community Center
- V. Update on Community Pig Picking event. Special thanks to Aaron Odham for cooking a delicious pig, Parks & Recreation for tents and tables, and everyone who attended to make this a successful event!!!

June 2010 Newsletter Summary

Welcome: Octavia welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police: Capt. Lull introduced himself and spoke briefly about his service with RPD. Officer Ford gave an update on the area activity and handed out information about recent issues in the community. Announcement about hosting a car wash, as well as bringing back movie night to Tarboro Road was discussed to benefit the youth in the area.

ALE - no report

Guest(s) - none

Report(s) – Chelsea spoke briefly about creating a North Central CAC sign indicating the meetings each month. The money to be used would come from the North Central CAC funding. A vote was taken to agree to spend the \$2,500 on signage for monthly meetings, banner(s), and for the pig cooker for the upcoming community event.

Elizabeth Alley talked about the New Bern Avenue/Edenton Corridor Plan, and the Capital Blvd. plan.

Octavia mentioned that the July meeting will include a representative from the Inspections Department.

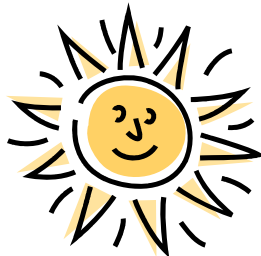
Parks & Recreation – no report

St. Monica Teen Center

Share your best memories and reminisce on the New Bern Avenue Day Care as the City of Raleigh Teen Program prepares to reopen its former building as the St. Monica Teen Center! Bring pictures, letters, newspaper articles and anything else to share. We will be making a wall of history at the St. Monica Teen Center and would love to make photocopies of your historic pictures and documents to help us preserve the rich history of the St. Monica building!



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Up
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Recycling
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Pot holes/Public
Works
996-6446

Graffiti Hotline
996-6001

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Street Lights Out
508-5400

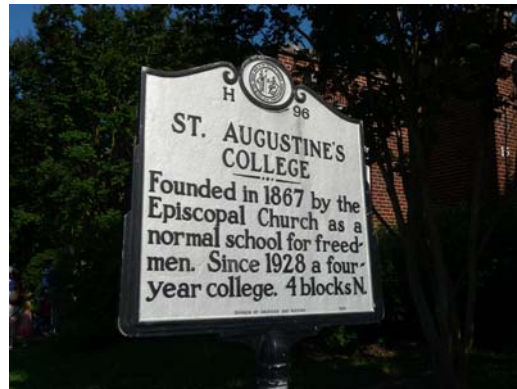
Drainage
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890-3836

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The New Bern/Edenton corridor plan will identify strategies to beautify and strengthen the New Bern corridor. On June 6th 2010, Department of City Planning staff walked the corridor from Tarboro Rd to Raleigh Blvd with local residents, business owners and community leaders to receive their input on the corridor's issues and opportunities.

This was just the first in a series of meetings regarding the corridor. For more information on the project, or to be added to the project's mailing list please contact Elizabeth Alley, Planner II at 807-8477 or elizabeth.alley@ci.raleigh.nc.us



New Bern/Edenton corridor walkthrough from Tarboro Rd to Raleigh Blvd June 6, 2010

Issues identified:

Streetscape / Amenities:

Lack of sidewalks (esp. south side New Bern Ave)

Lack of bus shelters/benches on south side New Bern (new stop by library is nice!)

- Presence of verge/grass strip adjacent to curb- missing in some spots
- Poor landscaping
- Poorly designed sidewalks. Patched together, various widths

Maintenance / Upkeep:

- Litter
- Verge/grass strip not always maintained
- Room for rent signs not being removed by inspections
- Tree trimming- by City and by private owners
- Maintenance of city-owned lots
- Need better maintenance of existing landscaping
- Leftover parcel owned by KFC- not obvious who maintains it
- Flyers posted on bus shelters

Transportation/ Access:

- Handicap ramps are at a 45 degree angle instead of companion ramps
- Cut-throughs to neighborhood from commercial (around Hill St)
- No crosswalks between Tarboro and Raleigh Blvd. Sight lines make crossing dangerous
- Parking adjacent to sidewalk
- Speed

Opportunities identified:

- Historic markers (at least 5 existing) emphasize history of corridor, tell an important story
- Presence of street trees in some spots
- Library is well used
- Improved maintenance/litter removal would help greatly
- Well maintained sites include: KFC, Library, Bojangles, Cookout
- Traffic islands at Edenton/New Bern/Poole are a good opportunity for landscaping and/or public art



Community Services News

July 2010

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.