



**Neighborhood Advisory Committee  
Minutes for October 18, 2021  
Council Conference Room  
395 Magnolia Road  
Pinehurst, North Carolina  
3:00 PM**

**Village of Pinehurst Representatives Present:**

John C. Strickland, Mayor  
Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager  
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

**Committee Members Present:**

Charles Collini – Old Town West  
Pat Corso, Cotswold  
Claire Berggren, Pinehurst No. 6  
Lee Thomas, Clarendon Gardens  
Tom Campbell - Monticello  
Larry Rotondo, Pinewild

Lisa Bomkamp – St. Andrews  
Edward Balkovic, Pinehurst Trace  
Debbie Lalor – Downtown Residential  
Bert Higgins – Doral Woods  
Jeffrey Heintz, Lake Pinehurst HOA  
Kara Vonderkall, CCNC

**Call to Order.**

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order.

**1. Review Notes from September 20, 2021 Meeting.**

The committee reviewed the notes from the September 20, 2021 meeting.

**2. Community Police Report and Guidance.**

Village Manager Sanborn stated we invited the Village of Pinehurst Police Department to come and report on how we can ensure our neighborhoods are best prepared in light of the recent rash of car burglaries.

Justin Guthrie, VOP Police representative, stated the Village Police Department recently solved the rash of car burglaries with Detectives capturing all three suspects. He stated we rely on the community to help us know what appears to be out of place in your communities. He stated we like to encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to lock your vehicles. He noted that most instances of break-ins are with unlocked vehicles and stated most criminals will look for the path with least resistance enabling them to grab items that are readily available

Mr. Guthrie stated that if you feel it isn't dire than you can use the MyVop app for any issues. We will transfer those to the departments that they belong to. He noted the Police Department has stepped up community patrols to help with reports of people walking in neighborhoods they do not belong in. He stated they take a very proactive approach and pride themselves in being in the community.

Charles Collini, Old Town West representative, asked if the three individuals that were arrested were from the local area or out of town and if there were currently warrants for these individuals for crimes committed in NC or other areas. Mr. Guthrie stated there were some from Moore County.

Bert Higgins, Doral Woods representative, asked if these same three individuals were the ones who were doing this in all the areas that were having a problem. Mr. Guthrie stated there does not seem to be a connection, but the investigation is still ongoing.

Tom Campbell, Monticello representative, stated that the traffic on Monticello appears to show that if a car comes through at 20 and runs stop signs, then all the other cars run through at the same speed. He asked if the police cars park to watch for those people running stop signs like this. Mr. Guthrie stated that most of this is sporadic behavior and it is hard for officers to catch. He stated we do have staffing patrolling and watching.

Jenn Tomilin, sitting in as the Donald Ross representative, asked about repetitive drug offences in Pinehurst. Mr. Guthrie stated most of those offenders are not from here and most are caught because of other offences, such as speeding etc.

Edward Balkovic, Pinehurst Trace representative, said he sees a lot of police on Midland road and thanks him for that increased presence. Mayor Strickland stated his understanding is that if the department is getting enough calls via myvop for example, then the police department will try to set up more patrols in that area. He noted that the Police department does have a routine in place of patrol in the communities. Mr. Guthrie stated that at the end of the shift the officers report to the oncoming shift to let them know if there are any hotspots or problems in any areas. He stated we are looking at upgrading our reporting system that will help us pull the My Vop complaints over to help the Patrolmen record what they have done about the particular issue (example: number of tickets wrote, etc.)

Mr. Campbell stated we have an unmarked car that he has seen but asked if we still have a motorcycle or someone who can participate in those speed area checks. Mr. Guthrie stated they do partner with other agencies on this. He stated our police agency currently consists of 35 officers. He stated they do have two applications in progress but noted there is a common problem of finding police officers across the state. He stated officers work 12-hour shifts, which means they switch between days and nights, 6 am to 6 pm shifts as well as alternating days. He noted they also have a swing officer that works from 12-12 to help out with staffing issues. He further noted they have 3 detectives; 1 SVI detective, 1 FBI, and 1 detective to help the Village and other areas

Mr. Collini asked if it was required to have all felony cases be conducted by detectives. Mr. Guthrie said no, they typically have the officer who took the report, handle the case. (for example, stolen credit cards). Mr. Collini asked what about attempted murder, rape, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree offenses, to which Mr. Guthrie said yes, the majority of these type offenses are handled by detectives.

Mr. Balkovic asked about the community watch program. Mr. Guthrie said nothing has changed in this program and they have received information from these areas that have helped in investigations.

Debbie Lalor, Downtown Residential Area representative, asked if the Police Department has access to records of where tickets are being issued and where the hotspots are, to which Mr. Guthrie answered yes, they do track the type of calls, the location, the number of times they occur.

Mr. Collini asked how many noise ordinance violation type calls are received and what is the policy for handling those incidents, especially since the owners are probably in another state and this is short-term rentals. Mr. Guthrie stated he doesn't have the numbers, but it does not happen often. He stated the offenders are informed first that there is an ordinance; second offense they are issued a warning; and the third offense they are written a citation. He stated if the problem continues beyond this protocol, they are arrested.

Mr. Balkovic stated that there was traffic parked on a street – on both sides – during the live after 5 – is that a common issue? Mr. Guthrie said yes that problem does occur and of course can lead to other problems such as accidents with vehicles and pedestrian incidents of being hurt. He reported they did ticket cars during the Holly Arts Festival this past weekend. Mayor Strickland stated he feels we have made and increased effort to encourage where appropriate parking is during events. Mr. Sanborn, Village Manager, stated there were 30 tickets issued on Saturday for parking in non-parking areas.

Mr. Guthrie summarized by saying “see something – say something!” Sharing information is key from the community.

### **3. Other Business – Neighborhood Reports.**

- Charles Collini asked who is responsible for the maintenance of the brick walkways in Pinehurst – between the Carolina and the

spa – to keep it clear of pine straw? Mr. Sanborn stated to report the problem on the MyVOP site. Mr. Collini stated the stretch of road from the employees parking lot on Graham is still a drag strip and continues to have a problem with littering – some of the employees of the resort at the hotel is throwing their trash out. Is there a possibility of monitoring the vans that are carrying the golfers around from the Pinehurst resort – can we have a sign that says how fast are they going. Mayor Strickland said we will talk to the resort about the cleanliness – those signs go on a rotating basis, so Village Manager Sanborn made a note to add this location to the rotation.

- Lisa BonKamp suggested adding some trashcans at the resort employee parking lot. She stated that she noted a lot of chatter about people walking on the streets, including with baby strollers, including walking on the easements and walking with the traffic. Many asked about sidewalks on Pine Vista. Why did this not occur. Mr. Sanborn noted it has not been presented to Council as a funded plan. She stated BPAC in May meeting had this recommendation – Mr. Sanborn stated we are working on priorities right now and that section has been a topic of discussion for some time and will be a subject that Council will talk about in December and this will be put in the five-year plan that will be released in June.
- Tom Campbell stated Councilmember Boesch had brought forward about potential sidewalk placements in the Pine Vista area and asked if this is still being looked at. Mr. Sanborn stated our process is we look at this every December.
- Debbie Lalor stated she would like to see more streetlights on Cherokee where the outpost is – coming down Azalea towards magnolia – this leads folk leaving the events follow the road because the sidewalks are dark.
- Jenn Tomilin, sitting in for Tony Elms, stated that for Donald Ross area, he had nothing to report.
- Pat Corso of Cotswold stated the speed limit goes from 35 to 45 by Elliot's on Linden and with the addition of holly crest subdivision, can we lesson the speed limit through this area. Mr. Sanborn said we had a conversation with the DOT when the child was hit at the stoplight at Elliot's. He will follow back up with that. He thought that had already taken place.
- Edward Balkovic stated Mike Apke came to their last community gathering and presented on recycling. Great presentation on Moore Recycling. Entrance/Exit at Memorial and 15/501 – left turn lights that have been up there have never been activated. -- right-hand turns are not a problem – left hand turns are becoming a problem. Mayor Strickland stated the DOT has a plan in place to fix that, it is just getting them to do it. He stated one of the issues is how would that affect the traffic circle. Mr. Sanborn stated they were originally earmarked to start last spring, but it was pushed back to this upcoming spring.
- Claire Berggren stated social Media has really expanded and asked if there is anyone watching the Next Door App. Mr. Sanborn said yes, we do. She stated they want sidewalks in number 6!
- Larry Rotundo – Pinewild has nothing to report
- Bert Higgins – Pinehurst Civic Group is sponsoring a meeting tomorrow night for the league of voters. He asked if we as volunteers of this committee should be nominated by your Homeowners association as a representative. What do you do if you do not have a Homeowners Association? Mr. Sanborn stated that if you do have one it is best to have them nominate you. Mr. Higgins asked Mayor Strickland if NAC members were approved/appointed by the Council, to which the Mayor replied no. Mr. Higgins stated the VOP Ethics Code defines "volunteers" who are covered by the Code as those who are approved or appointed by the Council. Consequently, he stated, we as NAC volunteers are not covered by the Code.
- Lee Thomas asked if there are village requirements as to what they are supposed to be? Can they be volunteer organizations or do they have to be formal HOA organizations. Mr. Sanborn stated that there can be both.
- Lee Thomas thanked Doug Willardson for helping with the water issue with Clarendon Gardens.

Mayor Strickland noted The League, and the Civic Group is combining together to live stream the forum for tomorrow night to help with those who were unable to come out for fear of Covid. The Village is partnering with these two organizations to help put this out to the community.

**4. Next Meeting Date.**

The next NAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

**5. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Chance,  
Village Clerk

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*Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.*

*Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement*