



**Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes for April 18, 2022
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
Jane Hogeman, Councilmember	Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk	Jill Lazusky, Welcome Center
Carlton Cole, Fire Chief	

Committee Members Present:

Bert Higgins – Doral Woods	Tom Campbell – Monticello	Debbie Lalor – Downtown Residential Area
Larry Rotondo – Pinewild	Lee Thomas – Clarendon Gardens	Charles Collini – Old Town West
Tony Elms – Donald Ross	Edward Balkovic – Pinehurst Trace	Barbara Reining - CCNC
Jeff Heintz – Lake Pinehurst		

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order.

2. Review Minutes from March 22, 2022 Meeting.

The committee reviewed the notes from the March 22, 2022 meeting.

3. Parks & Recreation Updates.

Jill Lazusky, Welcome Center Liaison, provided an update on the upcoming Shop Small Event. She reported this event has been held for the last five years during Thanksgiving and 3 years ago we started a shop small spring to extend that same idea. Ms. Lazusky noted it runs as a 2-week event Sunday, April 24-Saturday, May 7th and includes all Pinehurst businesses. She stated anyone visiting any of these businesses can bring their receipt to the Welcome Center, present the receipt, and get an entry for prizes. Ms. Lazusky stated they will be giving swag bags away each day valued at \$50 – plus two baskets and one large basket. She noted this amounted to approximately \$3100-\$3500 in value.

4. Fire Prevention Tips to share with your neighbors

Chief Carlton Cole, Village Fire Department, presented Committee members with fire prevention tips. He provided some follow up information on a few recent fires. Chief Cole noted there has been an uptick in calls - 2,197 since last April (tiered response – based on severity). He reported some of the calls have utilized mutual aid from/for other stations and others consists of fire calls, EMS calls, storm related instances, carbon monoxide, lifting assist, and smoke alarms etc. Chief Cole stated they do prevention activities – fire extinguisher training, community CPR, junior and adult fire volunteer training and run social media campaigns and community car seat training.

Chief Cole reported the Village Fire Department is an accredited agency based on criteria of 252 performance indicators, looked at. By the Commission of insurance. He stated they came in and evaluated us and upgraded us. He noted after 7 years they have moved from a class 4 up to a class 2, which will affect citizens insurance to the good.

Chief Cole reported Pinehurst open burning is prohibited in the Village of Pinehurst – can not pick up sticks or pinecones etc. because we offer pick up – up to \$25,000 fine if you do. He noted they try to educate people first and then enforcement is the last resort. He stated

recreational fires, and fires that do not create a hazard are allowed with a 15-foot separation from combustibles including houses. He noted you must also have an accessible way to put the fires out before you leave it. Chief Cole reported Fire pits that burn logs are allowed with restrictions on log size and requires a 25-foot separation from combustibles, and a means to put it out.

5. Other Business –NAC Discussion

Mayor stated we are working on ways to make the NAC work the best for the Community. He stated in addition to work on communication, we are striving to help participation in our neighborhoods. Village Manager Jeff Sanborn presented some ideas and thoughts Council is currently working with on how to make the coverage better.

Mr. Sanborn stated he wants to make sure everyone is represented by someone. He presented a map that is a proposed NAC Framework. This framework included 20 defined neighborhoods, including standalone neighborhoods such as Pinewild and CCNC and combined neighborhoods that pulled together small areas under one representative. Mr. Sanborn reported there were some areas that were challenging, such as the homes that lie East of Pinehurst Lake area, and the smaller areas along Linden Road among others.

Charles Collini stated member expectations stated under paragraph one is to sign a volunteer agreement with the Village and he would like to know what this agreement would say. Bert Higgins stated he doesn't want to slow down the process of citizens communicating with Council. He stated he sees his role as a supplier of how to best reach and communicate, not to be a place to slow down a problem. To make sure we can show where to find information but not to be a middleman on problems. Tom Campbell stated he would like to identify a way to collect addresses or email addresses for a complete list in his neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated staff is working on a potential internal email assigned to neighborhoods that can be passed on, for example VillageAcresLiason@gmail.com. Mr. Sanborn stated there are several items that will need to be worked out including how the neighborhoods will be grouped, who the representatives will be and what the application process will be, and what the expectations of the group will be.

Councilmember Hogeman stated there are still some ETJ areas that are still not on here to which Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated that we talked that since these were different areas, we were going to invite ETJ members to invite and participate but not declare a representative. He stated that he feels structure is good to have and unless you have hard lined geographic definition you cannot make everything fit together. So, he feels the purpose here is to give some clarification to neighborhoods and what this means is that someone in those combined communities, there will be a direct person to reach out to.

Jeff Heintz states the idea of broadening is good and he is not too concerned about more members coming on, but he states this group does not make decisions or vote. He states we need to not go to such lengths to fix this thing if its not broken. Mr. Heintz stated he gets communications that the Village doesn't get, and these views are often unvarnished. He stated we do not want to stop this.

Jeff Sanborn stated what we are proposing is that for those communities that have no working way to speak to their representatives, we will work with them to create that communication line.

6. Neighborhood Reports.

- Debbie Lalor, downtown residential area: spoke about an RV parked on Magnolia and noted the communication process needs some clarification on – if you call a non-emergency call it is not recorded, if a policeman is dispatched than it is recorded in CAD. Nuisance related calls are not. When she called, she was not asked her name or told to call myvop and this should be an easy step. Ms. Lalor reported delivery trucks com on a weekly basis behind the Magnolia and she wants council to set some limits on where these trucks can go.
- Barbara Reining, CCNC: No report
- Claire Berggren, Pinehurst No. 6 reported the USGA has placed their flags at the entrance and the resort is working on some landscape upgrades with them. She noted they will be participating in the Village sponsored work-day cleanup event.
- Charles Collini, Old Town West asked if the old gray debris only carts should be turned in since they now have larger brown ones to which Mr. Sanborn stated they should be turned in.
- Jeff Heintz, Lake Pinehurst: Reported his HOA had their annual meeting here at assembly hall and the mayor spoke and stayed for social hour. He encouraged those that have an annual meeting to do it.
- Lee Thomas, Clarendon Gardens: He provided a report related to a short-term rental – dog running loose in their front yard – who do you contact? There is no way to contact the host to tell them so what do you do? 2nd issue is zoning laws of Pinehurst – finding them is hard and reading what is allowed and what isn't is hard.

- Ed Balkovic, Pinehurst Trace: He stated at Pinehurst trace, the issue of wildlife has come up – coyotes and fox – They called animal control which said call wildlife and they said they aren't hurting anyone – older people concerned about their small dogs. He stated so unless it's a rabid animal than nothing can be done, he assumes.
- Tony Elms, Donald Ross: No Report
- Larry Rotondo, Pinewild: No Report
- Tom Campbell: Monticello: He stated someone in Monticello got his name to contact him and this person did contact him about short-term rentals. He said someone asked him if the staff could put an eblast out that short-term rentals has increased and give the numbers. He suggested the associations send this out.
- Lisa Bomkamp, St. Andrews: She stated a resident contacted Kelly requesting her number and she did refer them to her, and this person sent her a couple of articles to review, and she saw that one had already been sent to John and Jeff about short term rentals. She stated there is a Facebook page about short term rentals. She asked if this is an ongoing discussion and where would they see this? Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated that it has been discussed at every council meeting this year and they can review them. He noted council is still discussing this and working towards a plan based on staff and public input. She asked if there is a timeframe of when a decision might be, and he stated he feels council is getting closer to a consensus.

7. Next Meeting Date.

The next NAC meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kelly Chance,
Village Clerk**

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community, which reflects our rich history and traditions.

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

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement