



**Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes for May 16, 2022
Council Conference Room
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
3:00 PM**

Village of Pinehurst Representatives Present:

John C. Strickland, Mayor
Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk
Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem

Committee Members Present:

Bert Higgins – Doral Woods
Larry Rotondo – Pinewild
Edward Balkovic – Pinehurst Trace
Patrick Fitzpatrick – No. 6
Tom Campbell – Monticello
Charles Collini – Old Town West
Barbara Reining - CCNC
Paul Spurgeon – Cotswold
Kirk Adkins – Downtown Residential Area
Melody Jenson– Donald Ross
Jeff Heintz – Lake Pinehurst

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order.

2. Review Minutes from April 18, 2022 Meeting.

The committee reviewed the notes from the April 18, 2022 meeting.

3. NAC Geographic Framework – Jeff Sanborn.

Mayor John Strickland introduced the proposed geographic framework for the NAC Policy that Council and staff are working on. Mr. Strickland stated we try to keep these meetings strategic in function and he encouraged those present to continue to utilize My VOP. He stated this policy will help staff hear key issues from neighborhoods that have not been previously represented up to this point due to no HOA or a leader in the neighborhood. He noted this will expand the map and provide a better coverage. The structure of the

Kirk Adkins, sitting in for Debbie Lalor, stated Ms. Lalor has concerns about being classified as an agent of the business and would be held to an oath of ethics. Mr. Sanborn stated that pinning down the structure of new neighborhoods is what matters first and then staff will create the policy and determine what the requirements would be to serve as a representative. He stated that all boards and committees and volunteers for the Village do sign an oath of ethics as part of the onboarding process.

Bert Higgins stated he would like the neighborhoods to identify themselves and go from there. Mayor Strickland stated the reason this discussion began was because we discovered there was a lot of areas that are not represented, and we felt the best way to achieve this was to broaden and define the map, so these areas are represented.

Charles collini stated if residents come to us as representatives with complaints, we are to tell them to go into MyVOP. He stated if this is the case, then what is this Committee for. Mayor Strickland stated that direct issues are for MyVOP and issues where village policies are not serving residents like they should, these can be brought to Council and staff by the NAC representatives. Mayor Strickland stated, for example short term rentals problems. Mr. Collini stated for instance the issue of speeding – nothing has been done. Mayor Strickland stated that he believes speed patrol was scheduled to be done on Graham Road or has been done.

Barbara Reining asked if the Eagles Landing Condominiums are part of the Lawn and Tennis Club. Mayor Strickland stated they are part of Southern Pines. Mr. Atkins stated that a community that self identifies and forms themselves could be a trigger for a neighborhood to join. To which Mayor Strickland acknowledged that when this Committee was first setup it was designed to recognize neighborhoods.

Bert Higgins stated he has been on the NAC for 6 or 7 years and is a firm believer in letting new people coming in and he stated he has been impressed with the presentations and has learned a lot about how the village works and has enjoyed hearing about what other neighborhoods have concerns about. He sees the role as 80 % information out to neighborhoods and 20% info in.

Mayor Strickland, in response to Kirk Adkins question on the reps becoming an agent and bound by oath and subject to FOIAs, stated one thing we are trying to achieve is to be a group that provides information, but also is part of a team that is doing the right things for Pinehurst. He stated that we may need to create documentation that states this is the expectations we have of the representatives, and this is the documentation aspect. Jeff Sanborn noted any aspect of public business is subject to NC statutes for public records, rather it be by an employee, elected official, or a volunteer. He stated the law requires us to include you to assist in preserving these emails, texts, and documents, which means that when you rotate out of this assignment or term, you have an obligation to turn those records over to the Village Clerk. He stated this is a Village body and we must adhere to this statute.

Jeff Heintz stated NC state legislature does state it includes any state, elected or appointed person is included in this law, and he will not sing the agents song. Mayor Strickland stated there is no expectation that members must march to the council song, but merely to supply information from their respective areas.

Bert Higgins stated we are not appointed, yet you are saying we fall under the radar of the ethics oath. Jeff Sanborn stated the fine point is that it doesn't matter whether you are appointed or just serving. Jeff Heintz stated he is not daunted by the prospect nor deterred about complying with the public records law. He stated the expectation part is what he is concerned with. Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated he was not aware of that reach to the public records on NAC until recently and he thinks the village should have and will make better sure they are aware of the public records law.

Mayor Strickland stated if you are a member of these commissions and meetings you are provided onboarding training that covers all these issues. Kirk Adkins stated this will make us sign an ethics oath and an acknowledgement that we have been trained and will be a triggering mechanism that we are obligated. Mayor Strickland acknowledged this was correct.

4. Neighborhood Reports.

- Barbara Reining had no report
- Larry Rotunda asked about the potential new fire station to be placed on the land that is the estate lot closest to the back Pinewild gate. Mr. Sanborn reported no decision yet on when to build a potential third fire station, but the land has been purchased. Mayor Strickland stated it has been discussed and discovered the most challenged areas for response time are in Pinewild and the west area.
- Patrick Fitzpatrick reported Pinehurst NO. 6 has the adapted open coming up on august 16th – monthly e-newsletter has almost 1200 recipients – he manages it and said it is a group way to share information and emails – offered to help and add others to their email list. – open rate is 85% which shows a lot of interest
- Bert Higgins had no report
- Paul Spurgeon stated Cotswold residents are still concerned with speeders on Linden Road.
- Charles Collini noted residents are still speeding down Graham. He stated the asphalt milling has helped the Village put down but needs more to cover potholes.
- Tom Campbell stated asked if there has been a decision on where the public services yard might be moved to and when. Mayor Strickland replied no decision has been made yet, but it is being discussed by Council and staff. Mr. Campbell noted at the stop signs on Monticello, people are not stopping and following right behind the car in front of them. Mr. Sanborn stated the police have monitored this but have not been successful in catching anyone.
- Jeff Heintz asked in terms of the recordkeeping process on calls related to short-term rentals that do not result in the dispatch of a cruiser, where staff was on that. Jeff Sanborn stated we do not have a response for that as we are challenged by the fact that we do not have the affirmation of what homes etc. are a short-term rental.
- Melody Jenson stated Donald Ross had no report

5. Next Meeting Date.

The next NAC meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

6. 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