



**Neighborhood Advisory Committee  
Minutes for January 9, 2023  
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	Councilmember Jane Hogeman

**Committee Members Present:**

Larry Rotondo – <i>Pinewild</i>	Jeff Heintz - <i>Lake Pinehurst (HOA)</i>
Claire Berggren - <i>Pinehurst No. 6</i>	Debbie Lalor – <i>Downtown Residential Area</i>
Greg Linville - <i>The Woodlands</i>	Barb Ficklin – <i>Clarendon Gardens</i>

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM.

**2. Review Minutes from November 21, 2022, Meeting.**

The committee reviewed the notes from the November 21, 2022, meeting.

**3. Traffic Circle Discussion: Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager**

Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager reviewed a presentation that the NCDOT provided to Council in June 2022. He noted the village has been working with NCDOT for several years on this project and 9 years ago, 2013, we really started having a lot of back lags at the circle. He stated in 2013 our traffic circle was named as a failed intersection. Mr. Sanborn reported that another avenue that is looked at in considering this project is the safety aspect.

Mr. Sanborn stated every year data is collected on traffic throughout the village and use a travel demand model. He noted this model relies on a lot of other models to collect the data. He noted this model suggests a 1.5% increase in traffic each year – this is built into the model. He presented the solutions presented by NCDOT, beginning with 2014, which he noted would not work for the village. He noted in 2018, NCDOT developed some new concepts in which the village suggested they update their traffic counts and look at metering/flyover options.

Mr. Sanborn stated that the plans offered this past June include a continuous flow option and a flyover concept. He noted a lot of solutions have been looked at throughout the years, but not all are feasible. He stated the option of doing nothing will lead to a problem of continued stacking up of traffic. He stated what is not accounted for is that residents who are frustrated have begun to cut-through residential avenues, causing speeding issues; these are symptoms of the traffic back-ups.

Mr. Sanborn presented the continuous flow-through model which tries to take conflict points out by placing a light before the circle with the other lights being synchronized to allow for a more continual flow. He stated he did encounter an example of this type in Florida, which was relatively easy; different, but learnable. He noted this is the DOT's preferred solution.

Mr. Sanborn presented the video of the flyover model. He noted this was a compromise that leaves the circle but has one overpass

that goes over it. He noted this model works better than doing nothing, but still leaves some slow back-up areas. He stated it would eliminate some cut-through from occurring, but still leaves traffic stack-up toward the hospital.

Debbie Lalor asked how this works with the traffic study done on the traffic coming in on highway 5; measuring in-bound and out-bound traffic study done during the small-area plan presentation. Mr. Sanborn stated the traffic study done for the small-area plan was more for specific areas and did not explain where the traffic is coming from or going to.

Jeff Heintz asked if it is council's expectation to pick one of these options or is doing nothing really an option. Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated Council hopes to see some form of improvement to the situation, but they still wish to keep the traffic circle intact. He stated this means there is an engineering view vs. an aesthetic view that council will discuss and decide upon the next steps. He noted that at the next council meeting the council will let the community know what their preferences are.

Councilmember Hogeman stated the DOT's job is to improve traffic flow, but other things need to be looked at. She stated we must look at character, engineering needs, and what the community feels is appropriate. She reported the DOT has 10-year cycle projects (STIPS) and currently there is enough money to spend on whichever option they chose. If they don't spend this monies during this cycle, then they must start over. She noted that if they want to complete this between the 2024 and 2029 US Open cycles, they must get started planning now. She reported there are other projects that the DOT are working on currently and more data (such as updated census) is needed to evaluate current traffic volumes to get a more accurate picture.

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated he encouraged the neighborhood representatives should let their areas know that this will be discussed tomorrow night at the council meeting and continue to contact council to discuss their concerns. He noted this Wednesday, the Parks & Recreation workshops will be taking place to allow information gathering from residents on the development of the Master Parks & Recreation Plan.

**4. Neighborhood Reports.**

- Pinewild: Larry Rotundo – no report.
- Clarendon Gardens: Barb Ficklin – no report
- Pinehurst No. 6: Claire Berggren – no report
- The Woodlands: Greg Linville – no report.
- Lake Pinehurst: Jeff Heintz – no report
- Downtown Residential Area: Debbie Lalor asked about the temporary parking lot where the tennis area is, and when will this end. She stated several within her area voiced concern over the image it presents in the community. She stated the concern is that this parking has become normalized for people. Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella stated he does not have an answer, but he imagines the Resort would like to see it finished as well. Mr. Sanborn stated there is a need for this lot for a couple of various reasons, but he does not have an answer.

**5. Next Meeting Date.**

The next NAC meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

**6. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 04:15 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*