



**Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Minutes for June 19, 2023
Village Hall / Assembly Hall – 3:00 PM**

Village of Pinehurst Representatives Present:

John Strickland, Mayor
Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Jane Hogeman, Councilmember

Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager
Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director
Shannon Konstantinou, Administrative Specialist

NAC Representatives Present:

Barbara Reining, CCNC
Pat Corso, Linden Rd. West
Greg Linville, North Morganton Rd.
Jim Rooney, Pinehurst Trace

Bert Higgins, Doral Woods
Susan Key, Village Acres
Kevin Fitzpatrick, Pinehurst No. 6
Jeff Heintz, Lake Pinehurst Association

Approximately 4 audience members in attendance.

Call to Order.

Mayor John Strickland called the meeting to order at 03:00 PM.

1. Review Minutes from May 15, 2023, Meeting.

The committee reviewed the notes from the May 15, 2023, meeting.

Mr. Sanborn reviewed the recent efforts to recruit members for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) and stated the efforts have seen a positive result and there is a desire to have all neighborhood positions filled before the NAC convenes for the September 2023 meeting. There are a few neighborhoods that have not had any applicants and Mr. Sanborn asked the current NAC members to assist in the recruitment effort.

2. Metropolitan Planning Organization: Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager

Mr. Sanborn presented an overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Sandhills Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAMPO) proposal. SAMPO will be a federally funded and mandated transportation policy-making organization and will be made up of representatives from local and state governments. The Pinehurst-Southern Pines Urban Area met the 50,000-population threshold during the 2020 census and Pinehurst was notified of the requirement to participate in the creation of an MPO for the area. The Tri-Cities representatives met from January to June of 2023 to determine the boundaries, name, and designation of the Lead Planning Organization (Pinehurst) for the area MPO. The plan is to have the MOU finalized and ratified by November 2023, and for SAMPO to be fully formed and operational by December 2023. Most of the local governments have agreed to the boundaries, names, and to Pinehurst being designated as the Lead Planning Organization.

Mr. Sanborn reviewed the functions Pinehurst will need to take on as Lead Planning Organization, how those functions will be delegated, and the structure of the two committees that will make up SAMPO.

Mr. Sanborn stated SAMPO will need to represent all members of the organization and trust will need to be established by enacting firewalls and other protections to ensure SAMPO will not be unduly influenced by any

one member of the organization.

Mr. Sanborn reviewed the areas within Village Hall that would be available to be utilized by the members of the SAMPO staff.

Mr. Rooney asked how SAMPO will be funded and, if Pinehurst will provide funding, will Pinehurst be reimbursed. Mr. Sanborn stated the funding is primarily Federal (about 75%) and the remaining amount will be from dues paid by the member organizations with the only exceptions being if the decision is made not to charge SAMPO rent for the space used or for incidentals incurred during normal business operations. The SAMPO funds will be separate from Village funds.

Mr. Heintz asked whether SAMPO staff members will be new or recruited from current Village staff members. Mr. Sanborn stated the SAMPO staff will be new employees but will most likely be brought on as Village employees in order to provide benefits and support to the SAMPO staff. They will be Village staff and paid a Village salary and benefits that will be re-imbursed from the SAMPO funding. Mr. Heintz expressed concern that the effort to hire SAMPO staff will hinder the efforts to hire Village staff due to the current staffing shortages. Mr. Sanborn stated new staff will be hired with the funding from the SAMPO funds but some support will need to be given by Village staff at times and the recruitment effort for SAMPO will not impact or be prioritized over the hiring of Village staff. Mr. Heintz asked whether the funding will be ongoing or temporary. Mr. Sanborn stated the funding will be ongoing.

Mr. Higgins asked what the responsibilities will be for the SAMPO staff. Mr. Sanborn stated the responsibilities of the SAMPO staff will be heavily focused on multi-modal transportation and reviewed the prioritization of funding from the Federal government. Mr. Strickland reviewed how the point system worked and how being part of an MPO will be more beneficial to the area (more points give projects within the area a higher priority with NCDOT), and how local projects will have to navigate through SAMPO for consideration.

Mr. Strickland and Mr. Sanborn stated there are approximately 20 MPO's within the state of North Carolina; Pinehurst is the largest municipality in the area with the access to facilities needed to house and support the MPO, which impacted the decision to make Pinehurst the Lead Planning Organization; previously Pinehurst had to compete with other counties within TARPO independently and being members of SAMPO adds 1500 points to consideration of projects by TARPO giving the area an advantage; and being members of SAMPO will give more influence and more consideration to projects proposed for the area.

Mr. Higgins asked whether determinations of the organization will supersede determinations made by the Village (example: installation of an intersection in place of the traffic circle). Mr. Sanborn stated there will be little change in terms of the implementation of MPO/NCDOT determinations and any proposal will need to be presented to the Village Council for approval. Any proposal will be reviewed by the Village and will take into consideration Village recommendations as has always been the case.

Mr. Strickland stated this topic will continue to be covered in future meetings and the NAC will be updated.

3. Neighborhood Reports.

- Kevin McKinney and Susan Key, Village Acres reported concern over the impact any major construction on the traffic circle will have on the neighborhood and noise pollution the area is experiencing from outside the Pinehurst jurisdiction.
- Jim Rooney, Pinehurst Trace reported all is well.
- Jeff Heintz on behalf of Debbie Lalor, Old Town West reported the aspects of the Downtown Amenities Plan that have been implemented have been successful and expressed concern over the continued parking issues in the downtown area and the impact of construction on water. Mr.

Strickland stated once the Resort's new parking lot development on Barrett Rd. is complete it will help to alleviate some of the parking issues the downtown area is experiencing, and the impact of construction on water will continue to be looked at and addressed but the fact that certain waterlines service sprinkler systems will present challenges that will take more consideration to address.

- Pat Corso, Linden Rd. West reported all is well.
- Bert Higgins, Doral Woods asked for an update on training and dedicated email addresses for NAC members. Mr. Sanborn stated organization of further training will occur after Ms. Chance returns from an extended vacation and IT continues to work on implementing the use of dedicated email addresses for NAC members.
- Kevin Fitzpatrick, Pinehurst No. 6 reported fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and event planning are well under way for the community to host the 2023 U.S. Adaptive Open mid-July, and the community is excited to be hosting the event again.
- Greg Linville, North Morganton Rd. reported recruitment efforts are going well and noted a name change or clarification that the Fairway area covered by this NAC representative is actually Dogwood Terrace would help in recruitment efforts as residents in Dogwood Terrace don't associate the planning area name of Fairway with their community.
- Barbara Reining, CCNC reported all is well.
- Jeff Heintz, Lake Pinehurst Association reported two incidents with STR's have occurred since the last meeting (one of which resulted in the police being called and the responding officer was not aware of the on-street parking ordinance prohibiting this type of overnight parking) and asked that Chief Webb attend the next NAC meeting.

Mr. Strickland, Ms. Hogeman, Mr. Pizzella, Mr. Sanborn, and the NAC representatives discussed how the dedicated email will work for NAC representatives, the recent Energy, Climate, and Grid Security Subcommittee Field Hearing ("Enhancing America's Grid Security and Resilience") held at Assembly Hall, concerns over State legislation that would take away the authority of local municipalities to govern their communities (Senate Bill 675 on ETJ's and House Bill 409 on Accessory Dwellings), and asked that the NAC representatives assist in educating the residents in their areas on how they may provide feedback to State representatives.

4. **Next Meeting Date.**

The next NAC meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

5. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 04:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Konstantinou, Administrative Specialist

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

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement