
Minutes
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
September 28, 1999, 6:00 PM
Joint Meeting With Town Of Linden

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Bacote

V. Chairman Ed Melvin
Commissioner Talmage Baggett
Commissioner Breeden Blackwell
Commissioner Billy R. King
Commissioner H. Mac Tyson
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.
Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County

Manager

Juanita Pilgrim, Asst. County

Manager

Grainger Barrett, County Attorney
Karen Musgrave, Staff Attorney
Mayor Leo Kelly, Town of Linden
Barbara Denning, Mayor Pro Tem
Commissioner Frances Collier
Commissioner Stacy Raynor
Commissioner David Raynor
Commissioner Thurmond Jackson
Sue Giles, Clerk, Town of Linden

Chairman Bacote called this Special Meeting to order.

1. Discussion of the leash law

Mayor Kelly noted Linden is having some problems with dogs. He said the Linden Town Board would like for the County to enforce the County Ordinance in the Town of Linden. Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, stated that the Animal Control Director indicates his office will be able to cover the Town of Linden without any problem. Commissioner King noted his concern that the Animal Control Department may need some additional

employees to take on this new area of enforcement. Commissioner Warren said he too was concerned about the lack of personnel, equipment, training and facilities to take on additional territory. Mr. Warren said the Board of Commissioners needs to address the needs of the Animal Control Department. Vice Chairman Melvin noted the Policy Committee, at their meeting today, talked about Animal Control, their mission and resources. The Policy Committee will be making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners at some point in time about the Animal Control Department.

The County Attorney will contact the Attorney for the Town of Linden regarding any action the Linden Town Board needs to take to effect the County Animal Control Ordinance in Linden.

2. Water District

Mayor Kelly said the Town of Linden wants to pursue sewer extensions in and around the Town of Linden.

Commissioner Baggett noted that Linden may want to contact the Town of Erwin and work with them in providing sewer to the area. It was noted that the Erwin sewer lines are about ½ mile from Linden and sewer service could be provided sooner by working with Erwin than depending on PWC. It was also noted that Mike McIntyre's office is working with the towns of Godwin, Falcon and Wade to help them get some federal funding for water/sewer extensions.

Commissioner Baggett suggested that when it is time to identify the district, the census tract be used.

The Town of Linden would like to have the Board of Commissioners' blessing as they pursue this project. The Board noted their support and the Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mike McIntyre's office to see if they could help Linden in pursuing some funding.

3. Discussion: Parks and Recreation

Mayor Kelly said that Linden needs some parks and recreational areas for their youth. They indicated they do not have the means to provide anything.

Ms. Karen Brady of the County Recreation Department noted the programs

currently available in the Linden area, i.e., youth programs at Pine Forest Middle School, Longhill Elementary, Howard Hall Elementary, Raleigh Road Kindergarten, and a senior citizens club at Volunteer Fire Department in Linden. Ms. Brady also pointed out that in the 10 year service plan there are plans to establish a district park in this region of the county; however, a site has not been determined.

Commissioner Baggett inquired as to the condition of the old Linden School, following the vandalism. It was noted the school is not in very good condition since the vandalism, but it is being cleaned up. The school no longer belongs to the County or School Board. It has been purchased by the Linden Ladies Auxiliary. Commissioner Warren inquired how much land there was and if it could possibly be used as a recreation (park) area. There is about seven acres behind the school and the Ladies Auxiliary will contact the county about this.

4. Taxes

The Mayor asked the Board to hold the taxes down.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:00PM

Clerk to the Board

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 28, 1999, 7:00PM
TOWN MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
ON INITIAL ZONING FOR AREA 15C IN THE
LINDEN AREA

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Bacote

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Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the Board
Larry Philpott, Recreation Director
Karen Brady, Recreation

Department

Matt Rooney, Interim Director,

Planning Department

INVOCATION: Commissioner H. Mac Tyson
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Public Hearing on the Initial Zoning of Area 15C:

Area 15C is located in northern Cumberland County. Generally, it is an area bounded by Harnett County on the northern most edge; a line that comes south from Harnett County near Woodland's Run Subdivision and follows US Highway 401, Ramsey Street, to East Reeves Bridge Road and continues along Lane Road to the junction of River Road on the eastern boundary; south to a very small tributary of Trantham's Creek which is a tributary of the Cape Fear River, which continues westerly along a line that follows north along Area 1 which is a previously zoned area south of Palestine Road and includes that area from River Road to US Highway 401, Ramsey Street, on the southern edge. The area is bounded on the west by US Highway 401, Ramsey Street, continues in a northwesterly direction from near the Palestine Presbyterian Church and along the eastern boundaries of Ellerslie and Hunters Ridge subdivisions.

SPEAKERS:

1. Lee Richardson: Mr. Richardson inquired as to the benefits of zoning.

Commissioner Tyson noted it would offer some protection; however, it was his opinion that the disadvantages outweighed the advantages.

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager, noted the purpose of zoning is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. It assures land use compatibility in the area. It provides for orderly growth.

Mr. Richardson said he wanted to use his land as he sees fit. He does not want the county to control how he uses his property.

2. Charles Ross: Mr. Ross said he did not want his property zoned. If it is, it will

cause his taxes to increase, and Fayetteville will be more likely to annex. He does not want PWC to extend water into his area.

3. Edward Carter: Mr. Carter said he is speaking for someone who has property in

Area 15C. She wants to be able to use her property as she wants. She does not want her hands tied. Opposed to the zoning.

4. William Russell: Mr. Russell said he moved out of Fayetteville to get away from

regulations. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

5. Robert Elcer: He moved to the country to get away from government regulations

and does not care what type of business goes in beside him, in fact he hopes something will go in so it will lower the value of his property and decrease his taxes.

6. Diana Thompson: No benefits to zoning. Will raise taxes. She likes it the way it is.

7. Donald Wood: Opposed to zoning. Will increase the amount of taxes he pays. No benefits.

8. Darryl West: Has lived in the area for 33 years. Not unhappy with the way things are. Most of the property in the Linden area is owned by 10-12 people. Don't need zoning.

Chairman Bacote closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Warren moved to accept the comments as information and that the Board not take action tonight.

SECOND: Commissioner Melvin

DISCUSSION: Commissioner King inquired as to when the Board would take some action on this initial zoning. Commissioner Blackwell asked that a letter from a citizen who could not attend be entered into the Minutes. The Chairman read the letter as follows:

"Please be advised, I have great interest in your hearing being held September 28, 1999 at 7:00PM at the Community building in Linden. Due to my job with PWC I will have to be in Rocky Mount assisting flood victims on this particular date. It will be impossible for me to attend this meeting. I do have property in the area that is being considered for initial zoning and I am very much in favor of this zoning. I really feel that it has been late in coming and it will certainly be a great benefit to me for it to be zoned. I urge you to give this careful consideration; it will benefit the entire area. Thank you for your consideration. Very truly yours, Margaret Y. Raynor." Commissioner King said he did not think it fair that the rest of the County has been zoned and Linden has not.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the Initial Zoning for Linden as

recommended by the Planning Board.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Commissioner Baggett moved not to approve the Initial Zoning for

Area 15C.

SECOND: Commissioner Warren

DISCUSSION: Commissioner King noted he served on the Planning Board in the 80's and the Board of Commissioners refused at that

time to zone Linden. He said some changes will be coming when HWY 13 is constructed presenting some challenges to the residents living in this area. He said this area ought to be zoned to provide for the orderly growth.

VOTE: **FAVOR:** Commissioners Baggett, Warren, Blackwell, Melvin, Tyson

OPPOSED: Commissioners Bacote and King

2. Other citizen concerns

No speakers.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:10PM

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