

Tuesday, April 30, 1996 - 7:45 p.m.

Oakley Community Center

Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Russell Martin, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Barbara Field; Councilman M. Charles Cloninger; Councilman Edward C. Hay Jr.; Councilman Thomas G. Sellers; Councilman James J. Skalski; and Councilman Charles R. Worley; City Attorney William F. Slawter; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: None

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: (1) request that City Council use it's political muscle to ensure that the safety and well-being of the residents of Oakley will continue to be a priority and that the interchange between Sweeten Creek Road and I-240 be constructed immediately in spite of the efforts of some local commissions to get other projects funded and underway (i.e., Highway 191 and Airport Road widening); (2) completion of the three-year sidewalk program along Fairview Road in the Oakley community: 1996 completion from Main Street to Sweeten Creek Road and 1997 completion from Baldwin Street to the River Ridge Market Place; (3) reduce speed to 35 mph on that section of Fairview Road from the south side of the bridge over I-240 to the intersection of School Road; (4) installation of street lights from Oakley School to I-240 Home Depot due to safety concerns and excessive traffic accidents; (5) pedestrian crosswalks/signal lights at all intersections surrounding Oakley School - Onteora Boulevard, School Road, Liberty Street, Cedar Street and Baldwin Street; (6) erecting a signalization at the intersection of Onteora Boulevard and School Road at proposed new vehicular entrance; (7) construction of sidewalks on Raleigh Road from School Road to Liberty Street and School Road to Onteora Boulevard; (8) request that City Council use it's influence in getting a variance from NC DOT that would enable the erection of a granite "Welcome to Oakley" sign. The community has been stone-walled at every attempt it has made to get such a variance; (9) request "No Parking" signs be erected on the following streets: Hilldale, Winston, "Old" Fairview Road, Oakley Road, Greenwood, Ridgecrest, Unaka, Main, Wanoca and Ridge; (10) request that in line with previous requests to have more adequate access/egress for the Wood Avenue Shopping Center, that City Council contact NC DOT to find out what it has done with requests made by the new owners of the Sayles Bleachery property regarding the construction of a new road across their property to intersect Fairview Road at Stevens Street; (11) install a flashing signalization "Do Not Block Intersection" at Oakley Road and School Road; (12) request an update on previously requested traffic impact studies concerning the Oakley community (i.e., enforcing speed limits and other traffic ordinances); (13) request ordinance to rezone to R-A1 for the Oakley neighborhood (single family - less density homes) - Oakley is now saturated with all the affordable housing they can afford; (14) the urgent need for communication tower regulations for the City of Asheville;

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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