

Tuesday, July 30, 1996 - 7:00 p.m.

Shiloh 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

Ms. Trina Mills gave the invocation.

A video was shown to Council depicting the condition of streets and sidewalks in the Shiloh area, in particular from London Road to Caribou Road.

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: sidewalks needed; maintenance of the streets and sidewalks, especially with grass growing in the curbs and in between cracks in the sidewalks; overgrown weeds and shrubs; length of time it took the Fire Department to respond to a fire in the area; dilapidated houses; streets that need to be paved; partial sidewalks; why the Shiloh area did not qualify for Community Development Block Grant funds; inadequate and out-of-date playground; need for street improvements on Caribou Road; water line leaks; signs being obscured by overgrown weeds; trash in the area; need for police presence all day at various times in the Shiloh area to reduce crime and traffic violations; why the noise ordinance is hard to enforce with regard to boom boxes; speeding on Brooklyn Road and White Avenue; need for sign on White Avenue to slow down traffic due to children in the area; need to post speed limit signs in Shiloh area; opposition to the development of multi-housing project by the Housing Authority on Dodge Street; need for traffic light at Erwin & Hendersonville Highway; speed limits need to be reduced to 20 miles per hour on Shiloh Road; Caribou Road needs to be improved, especially widened; length of time it takes to get water leaks fixed; the process used for getting sidewalks installed; the need for traffic calming techniques Overlook Road and in other neighborhoods; street drain between 68 & 70 Robinson Avenue needs to be fixed because it catches rain and washes out the yards in the immediate area; and the need for a slow method of transportation by the police in the Shiloh area.

Mr. David Jones, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, responded to concerns raised in opposition to the Housing Authority's building of a 4 unit development on Dodge Street. Mayor Martin noted that the Housing Authority has complied with all applicable laws and has the right to build the 4 unit complex on that site.

Mr. Robert Griffin presented City Council with a letter dated July 30, 1996, from Bruce F. Thompkins which reads: As President and spokesman for the Biltmore Village Merchants Association, we are opposed to the development of the multi-family housing project by the Housing Authority on Dodge Street. Biltmore and the environs suffer extreme traffic congestion at the present time. Any development with the density of sixteen (16) people per acre would make this congestion unbearable. The merchants presently feel any additional traffic would have an adverse impact on business in the Village."

A petition was also presented to Council (45 signatures), which reads "We, the following, oppose the construction of low-income housing units on Dodge Street due to the effect it would have on property values and the traffic congestion it would add to our community."

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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