

Tuesday, October 29, 1996 - 6:00 p.m.

West Asheville 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

Mayor Martin said that he hoped the new format by the City was successful at this community meeting. He summarized by saying that from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. City staff was available at the West Asheville Community Center to meet with the community on any issue and to demonstrate the possibilities of communities and City Hall linking up electronically. He said at 6:00 p.m. Councilmen Cloninger and Worley were available to answer questions relative to the Unified Development Ordinance. And then the City Council community meeting began at 7:00 p.m. He stressed that City Council is committed to Community Oriented Government.

Ms. Robin Westbrook, Community and Public Information Officer, and Mr. Larry Bopp, Director of Information Services, each gave a brief presentation on how communities will be able to access information from City government on a computer located at the community center.

Many residents spoke in support of and praised City Council on what the City has been doing in West Asheville.

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: burnt building on Covington Street; house on Sulphur Springs Road has a lot of signs on their property; house on Pennsylvania Avenue has a wall around it that might not be in violation of the zoning ordinance; tractor trailer parked on Haywood Road for three years; buffering concerns with a roofing company in the area; request for City to light the West Asheville/RiverLink Bridge (proposal from Carolina Power & Light Company was passed out); major flooding problems on Druid Drive; need for some type of traffic control device at the intersection of Laurel Loop and Patton Avenue; loitering after hours at 1200 Patton Avenue; need for a walking trail in Malvern Hills; need for sidewalk repairs in Malvern Hills; need for temporary solution (until NC Dept. of Transportation redesigns intersection) to traffic problems on Amboy Road at I-240; parking problems on Frances Street due to narrow street; request to have yard cleaned up at 57 Frances Street; Salola Street needs to be repaved; when I-240 is widened, not only should environmental impact statements be made, but human impact statements too; sewer backups on Druid Drive when there is flooding; traffic noise on Patton Avenue; curfew on Patton Avenue for teenagers; speeding on Laurel Loop; Laurel Loop needs to be paved; need for better traffic control at intersection of Louisiana Avenue and Patton Avenue; streets in Wilshire Park need to be paved, not just repaired; school zones on Patton Avenue from Lucerne to Leicester Highway needs to be better marked and speeds be consistent on both sides of Patton Avenue; and restriction on developments in Druid Drive area until flooding problems are corrected.

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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