

Laurel Park Board Meeting – July 15, 2005 – 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. – Ken Henderson’s House

Before the meeting began, Christina had a question for the Chief of Police

What do we do about underage drinking at the pool? Call 704-786-9155

Also, if someone is there without a resident they are trespassing. If we would want to ban anyone from the pool, there would need to be specific written rules as to the steps leading up to the ban.

The pool committee is meeting on July 20th at 6 PM at the pool. They want to discuss maybe limiting the number of times a person can visit - unlimited if out of town, but limited if from neighboring community? Maybe have a guest day?

Bob calls meeting to order.

In attendance

Bob Brooks	Keith Fitch – Battalion Chief
Mark Hopkinson	Merl Hamilton – Chief of Police
Ken Henderson	Sgt. Betty Crump
Jennifer Beresh	Officer A Linker
Christina Evers	Officer J. Molina
Jen Bachner	

Keith Fitch is the liaison for our community since we are a recognized City of Concord neighborhood.

Sgt. Betty Crump - community service coordinator – There are many opportunities in the neighborhood. Neighborhood leadership academy is coming up on the 28th

Chief of Police – Merl Hamilton – we are tax payers and being a recognized neighborhood can help us see what we get for our money. Contact Keith Fitch with any issue we can think of that is related to the city or even the state (including water, sewage, garbage, speeding, etc). The police department is involved in the neighborhoods. They try to attend meetings. Take advantage of what the city can offer.

Overview of subdivision: We are growing. Niblock homes purchased more land and we had the opportunity to include those new homes in our subdivision. It was accepted because it included an addition of a second pool and a clubhouse. Cobblestone currently has 75 homes now and there are 68 new homes to be built. There will be approximately 670 homes total when done. Right now it looks like we are the 2nd largest subdivision in the county.

Old speedway will not be started until the main entrance is open and being used again, which, as it currently looks George Lyles may not have 2 lanes open until October. The contractor is being fined \$1,000 a day as penalty for missing deadline.

Street Trees: Our community rules and regulations (CCRs) state that residents are to maintain right of ways, which street trees are part of that. The City of Concord pointed out that the

city ordinance for neighborhoods state that the HOA, if one exists, would be responsible for street trees. However, the HOA should only be responsible for common areas. Keith will look into this. Do our CCRs override the ordinance? Usually if subdivision is more restrictive then they override the city. There was also a question raised as to whether there were already issues with the trees that came down. If the HOA would be responsible – how would we fight this to see about getting it overturned?

Pond: There is algae growth. So far there is no specific answer as to what to do because it is used for irrigation all over. Someone from Wilmington will come out and clean it up and will keep it under \$1,000. He will also look for someone closer to this area to maintain the pond. The algae will be an issue during the summer due to three key factors: geese (how do we get ride of them?), fertilizer for the common area gets washed in, and grass clippings. The grass is currently supposed to be cut away from the pond, but still blows in. Would the cost of bagging the grass be worth it? Then within 2 weeks the pond treatment should be finished up. There is a possibility that some of the guppies may die because when the algae dies it uses up oxygen.

Common Area Maintenance: Woodlands (Scott Greeson) is to be picking up the trash around the pond every week. Don Barefoot currently handles the irrigation. There are some fixes to the system that are needed before flowers in the entrance could be planted. There are also issues with getting Barefoot out to get irrigation problems fixed. Scott was fixing some of the irrigation around the pool in order to get some work done and there was a confrontation between Scott and Don. There is also an issue with the pumps not working in Cobblestone. So it is back and forth as to who is to fix the system. Scott Greeson will handle repairs after Don fixes a last few issues. Don is swamped and William is trying to get him out and has been following up. Mark suggests to just give Don one more week to fix what he is suppose to and then turn everything over to Scott. Everyone was in agreement.

Amenities:

- There are rumors that changes have been made to the new pool going in. The pool will be 42 x 82 feet long, which is slightly larger than the original plans submitted. There will be same size lanes as existing pool, but the pool will be deeper. The pool should be completed by end of August, but more than likely will not be ready to be used this season. The existing fence will be kept up so no one will be able to access the area.
- Grading for the clubhouse began yesterday and footings hopefully by next Friday. Hope to have completed by Thanksgiving in time for Christmas events.
- The Clubhouse will need to have a committee to handle renting out the building (have this driven off of the social committee?)
- The electrician will be tying in existing wiring for the current pool that was cut and with new pool and should be fixed by end of August. (Have electrician at the pool meeting)
- The pad for the trash bin in the pool parking lot has been poured. Woodlands needs to empty the trash at goal and replenish mulch at play area. But the mulch cannot be added until the play area has been pressured washed (which should be done soon).
- All of the screens around the tennis courts should be tied down with S hooks, which will keep the material from tearing. The cost was around \$500.
- The bike rack up is up

- Pool furniture should be in soon (20 chairs).

New Development:

- No one is supposed to be driving through area that is being developed. William's intent is to keep the road closed until the new section in Cobblestone is completed. He said if anyone is seen on there, especially Contractors, give him a call.
- Cobblestone should be ready for houses around end of October.
- William is trying to keep Superintendent on top of muddy streets. He said it is difficult because of all the rain and all the dirt they have been bringing in for the new single-family home section. Remaining 30-35 lots section should have roads completed by end of August. And will begin on other side of Old Speedway, probably around September with finished lots to be completed hopefully by March.

There is a sinkhole at entrance that William is going to take a look.

Prevention Against Crime: July 30th – What do we need to do? It is being held at fire station 3 by 601 and First Assembly from 10 AM to 1 PM. It reviews the awareness on gangs through an informal Q& A. Lunch will be served. Currently there are no formal gangs in Concord. This is a proactive step to help you know what to do if you do see any activity.

National Night Out: Tuesday August 2nd. What takes place is the community partnering with the police and have parties so that neighbors get to know one another better so that you feel comfortable to open up as to what is going on in the neighborhood. This is the 4th year. Last year was successful. Officers in each district go around visiting as many neighborhoods as they can. The intent is to get everyone outside and turn their porch lights on. What can we do proactively?

Street Parking – Can the association prohibit on-street parking? You would need to go through the city to put up no parking signs. The city would need to see a need for it. Can we do no overnight parking on the street? We can do what we want to help the community, but they may not be enforced by the police. Check with city before putting any signs up. In the newsletter express concerns and ask people even if they are items that cannot be enforced by police. Is there a violation if you park against traffic?

Neighborhood Watch – we need to start from scratch. Sgt. Betty Crump asked if we had a presentation from an officer. We did not so she suggested that we start there. They will give an overview of the watch and then we will be given forms and they will approve for signs and then they will come back and offer assistance.

September 13th HOA meeting 7 PM. There is a community room available at fire stations 3 (beside first assembly), 8, and 7(off of industrial). We need to be able to seat around 100 people. These rooms are also available to use for parties. Just call administration. Rooms get booked up quick. Keith will look into the availability of station 3 for the HOA meeting.

Are we able to have yellow traffic enforcement area signs posted in our neighborhood? We could post kids at play signs, but these are not enforceable by the police.

Tell Officer Alexander of any issues in the community so that he can communicate issues to other officers in the district.

Pool Committee:

What are we liable for? The committee cannot be sued.

There are a few problems. How should they be handled?

- 537 Georgetown - Julie (Hamilton) Hodges and the mother, Brenda. Their children are climbing the fence and jumping off of the guard chair. If you don't mind the guard and pool committee then that is it. The key fobs can be deactivated. 3 strikes? One verbal, one written, then out.
- Jack is not a resident but latches on to any resident to be at the pool. And they bring in coolers of beer.
- Lifeguards are getting up and letting people in. They may not be taking their supervisor easier. (2 guards on the weekend and last weekend one was checking the resident list).
- Sara – lifeguard, she backs down on problem issues.
- There have been complaints from a homeowner that a 6 year old was with 16 year old with CRP and lifeguard training and they were asked to leave. Maybe allow exceptions on a case-by-case basis if the person carries his/her certification card(s) with them every time they are at the pool? The Pool committee will discuss further at the meeting.

In the newsletter put that the pool committee wants to enjoy the pool as much as everyone else, please contact put all concerns or issues in writing and submit them to the pool committee through Scott. And that pool issues will be discussed during pool committee meeting. Not one issue will be ignored.

Is there a possibility of having the pool resurfaced next year? If there are a lot of problems with feet being cut then they will look into it.

Ask William for a fence with a couple gates between the two pools. The deeper pool will be next to the shallow end of the other pool (where younger children play). The pool committee will discuss if a swim test should be given to swim without supervision. Maybe with a band that states Laurel Park? Costs for the bands will need to be looked into.

Should we participate in National Night Out on August 2nd? Leave porch lights on and get to know your neighbors. A flyer needs to be created and distributed to the neighborhood to promote it. Neighbors could meet in the gazebo; sit out in the cul-de-sacs, etc. Ken will draft a flyer.

There have only been a couple updates for the directory. Maybe put box and forms at pool house for updates to or requests for a directory?

The deadline for the next newsletter is August 7th.