

**MINUTES**  
**Worksession Meeting of the Southern Pines Town Council**  
**February 24, 2014, 3:00pm, Community Room, Southern Pines Police Department**  
**450 W. Pennsylvania Avenue**

**Present:** Mayor David McNeill, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Fields, Councilmember Fred Walden, Councilmember Jim Simeon, Councilmember Teresa VanCamp

**Absent:** None

Call to Order

**1. May Street Development Proposal: Bob Koontz**

Tim Venjohn, Moore HL Properties Inc., presented the design plan for the potential residential project to be located off of May Street. He commented that the plan encompasses roughly sixty units to sit on approximately 12.5 acres, and would subsequently be requesting a Conditional Use Permit in order to attain the desired 4.82 units/acre.

Discussion ensued amongst Council regarding rights-of-way and points of access to the development.

Mr. Venjohn noted that currently, there are two points of access planned; one at May Street and one at Ridge Street.

Mayor McNeill commented that Planning staff should continue to work with the petitioner per his request.

No further discussion ensued.

**2. Public Art Project: Southern Pines Rotary Club**

Carol Haney, Past President – Southern Pines Rotary Club, presented discussion regarding a temporary art project, to be sponsored by the Rotary Club, to include 8-12 golf ball statues, standing at approximately 27 inches tall being placed along Broad Street.

Ms. Haney commented that Downtown Southern Pines businesses would sponsor a golf ball for \$300 and design it to their specifications, and noted that they would remain standing through June in support of the U.S. Open.

Mayor McNeill commented that he would be supportive of the temporary art project, to which Council concurred.

Town Manager Parsons noted that the project would need to be reviewed by the Historic District Commission as soon as possible.

No further discussion ensued.

**3. Partners in Progress Presentation and Discussion**

Pat Corso, Executive Director, John May, Chairman and Executive Board Member, and Lane Kjellsen, Executive Board Member, were present to review the progress of the organization and discuss economic development within the area.

Councilmember Fields inquired as to the potential for Southern Pines Corporate Park to be more successful.

Mr. Corso commented that there are several upcoming projects and that it is the focus of Moore County Partners in Progress to prepare job-ready, employable individuals for the workforce.

Mayor McNeill expressed appreciation for the work that Partners in Progress is doing within the community for advancement's sake.

No further discussion ensued.

**4. Crestview Road Development Proposal: David Wilson**

David Wilson, Fore Properties, and Shane Sanders, S&S Engineering, presented discussion regarding their proposal to build nine single family homes on a four acre property located on Crestview Road, noting that they would be requesting a Conditional Use Permit.

Planning Director Bart Nuckols noted that the Conditional Use Permit would be required in order to increase the number of square feet per lot.

Mayor McNeill commented that he would be supportive of the project and appreciates that the petitioner will make an effort to ensure that the project is in keeping with the current surrounding structures and to preserve as much of the mature landscape as possible, to which Council concurred.

Mayor McNeill noted that Planning staff should continue to work with the petitioner.

No further discussion ensued.

**5. Request to Facilitate a Pass-Thru Grant: Weymouth Center**

Town Manager Parsons commented that there would be the creation of a Capital Project Fund in the upcoming budget for the purpose of administering a pass-thru grant on behalf of the Weymouth Center.

He further commented that all monies contained within the fund would be provided by the State Historic Preservation Office or by private individuals through Weymouth.

No further discussion ensued,

**6. Read Across America Day: Lynn Thompson**

Mayor McNeill presented Lynn Thompson, Library and IT Director, with a proclamation for Read Across America Day and congratulated her, along with Library staff, for the success of the program as well as expressing his appreciation for all of their work.

**7. Southern Pines Pool: Further Discussion Including Committee Makeup Suggestions**

Robert Reeve, Recreation Director, and Sue Gillis were present for discussion.

Mayor McNeill inquired as to how to proceed with the Master Plan for Pool Park.

Mr. Reeve noted that a task force had been created in 2005 to look at pool options and in 2009 a survey was conducted pertaining to the Master Plan for Pool Park once the pool was removed.

Discussion ensued amongst Council regarding the means necessary to continue operating the pool, and as to whether or not creating a new task force would be beneficial in determining its future.

Mayor McNeill stated that the Recreation Department should proceed with necessary steps to open the pool for the Summer 2014 season. He further commented that Council would defer its decision to organize a new aquatics task force to the March Worksession.

No further discussion ensued.

As so incorporated to these minutes of February 24, 2014 are exact copies as so recorded in the ordinance and resolution books of the Town of Southern Pines as if fully set out in the minutes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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