

DRAFT Minutes
June 12, 2014
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Officers and Staff Report

N496 Cost Overrun for W&OD Trail and Glencarlyn Park approved unanimously.

Funding round discussion:

Rob Swennes – I'd like to comment on the money. It will still be two years before these projects go to construction. Bonds are sold as needed. There is opportunity to pull money back. There is a long time between funding and execution. From a fiscal standpoint, there was bond money just sitting around. The money was allocated but not spending. You may also want to be careful about how you send the letters. Bill Braswell – There will be stiff competition with schools and we are the only program that puts sidewalks on neighborhood streets. We do things that make it safe. We have projects in dense areas that we are doing and upgrading. Sarah McKinley - We have a project in a high density area that is focusing on an intersection which will help school children make it safer. Parker Harrington – Why are there no costs associated with the park projects? Tim McIntosh – We have an on call contractor for our street improvement projects, but park projects need to go out to bid so we do not include costs in the funding book. Bruce Cameron - If I see an \$800,000 park project, it concerns me that someone outside of NC will not understand how we operate and question why it's such a big number. Bill Richardson - Did the county have to do a study for the stop signs on the Donaldson Run Project? Gino - Once we changed the intersection, we made it a t-intersection so we were able to get the stop sign in. Bernie Berne - This is not an environmentally friendly park. It would be good if you can cut down on the impervious surface. Would like to see some plantings for butterflies. Ed Hilz - Is the lack of detailed estimates part of park policies. Shannon Early - Its practice we've done for NC and it's saved us money. Sarah McKinley - We had a dog park and we have used protected measures for trees. Rob Swennes - Can you give me an outline of how we would do the five year process. Kathy von Bredow - What they have found with invasive species management is that it takes 3-5 years for it to work. When you walk down the four mile run trail you see where

the native vegetation. We are replanting to help the native plants re-establish themselves and we will also site any new plantings appropriately. Tim O'Leary – Invasive plants can go away with work, but they never quite go away. It becomes more maintainable for PR. Rob Swennes - It would be nice to help get some volunteers or ACE to help. Kathy von Bredow - When you look at Lucky Run it is a mess and we are trying to make it more manageable. Parker Harrington - We've worked with Sarah Archer. I didn't know that this was eligible. David Haring – Motion to accept the Points Committee recommendation. Rob Swennes - Second. Bernie Berne – Offer an amendment to put a butterfly garden or rain garden. Freida Kulish - Second. Shannon Early - The park includes landscaping or a butterfly type project. Collier Cook – I am not friendly to the amendment. Our neighborhood has voted for this plan. Rob Swennes - Oakland Park is a designated evacuation spot so we need to be cognizant of that. Jim Todd - I'm having some reservations about others second guessing a scope and it's a dangerous precedent. Bruce Cameron - It is a neighborhood driven project, but it's not our place to determine what should be done.

Vote on Bernie Berne's amendment – 1 in favor, 26 opposed.

Vote on original motion to fund the Points Committee recommendation - 28- In favor, 1- opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.