

**Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association
January 11, 2006**

Attendees:

Jeff Greer	Wilma Bradbeer	Clive Bradbeer
Ann Goede	John Santoski	Bob Archer
Beverly Adams	Adrienne Dent	Susan Foard
Johnny Parks	Jeanne S. Chase	

Meeting, Date, and Time

Second Wednesday of the month at the **Cherry Avenue Christian Church, 5:30 p.m.**
Next regular meeting date: **February 8, 2006**

Letter to be Drafted and Sent to Mr. Jim Tolbert

Representatives from the Cherry Avenue Christian Church spoke to their current concerns of the City's promise in November 2005 as documented in the minutes from that meeting that the ideas put forth by Bill Wuensch recently did not reflect that promise by Jim Tolbert : (#9. Meeting Minutes: Cherry Cleveland Willard Intersection 11/4/05 which stated: Jim Tolbert promised the group that Bill Wuensch would start and finish the entire redesign of this intersection and would work with the Neighborhood Association and the Cherry Avenue Christian Church.) One of the current concerns was that the new design put forth by Mr. Wuensch, at an informal meeting at the site, would only work around what has already been done, rather than, reworking the current design which would take out "the thumb" which has made a dangerous intersection even more dangerous for vehicles and pedestrians alike. The FSNA made the recommendation to John Santoski to write a letter expressing those concerns to Mr. Jim Tolbert. John said that the letter would be drafted and sent within two-three days with Bob Archer and Johnny Parks, Cherry Avenue Christian Church representatives, to be part of the process. Additional problems with the current design of "the thumb" has caused the church to have to put up a chain across their parking lot because of increased liability concerns with folks wanting to "cut through" to avoid the awkward and dangerous corner; the limitations presented during funerals with the line-up of the hearse and family cars being parked in front of the church which now puts some of the vehicles over the center of Cherry Avenue; wedding customs still use the front exit of the church; and Handicapped Spaces are quite necessary and the church does not want to lose the current Handicap spaces which serve their church members and guests. Members attending of the FSNA expressed a desire to hear directly from the developer of the

Letter to Mr. Tolbert (continued)

Cherry Hill Development as to what he hoped to achieve by “the thumb” Why did the developer choose this design? Further consternation was expressed that the neighborhood and church were expected to take responsibility of “the thumb” with upkeep and plantings. It was totally agreed that “the thumb” was not a plan put forth by neighborhood and church member input as evidenced by the end result. It was further felt that this situation must be improved in the interest of safety, emergency vehicles, and the neighborhood. A follow-up letter will be sent by the church according to Mr. Archer and Mr. Parks.

Request for Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan Update

Members in attendance wanted feedback as to when the additions to the Neighborhood Plan as discussed at the Mall meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2006 would be made available for cross checking. It was requested that such a plan be made available for the Fry’s Spring Neighborhood Association. John Santoski was requested to ask Ashley Cooper to send the updated plan to the association as well as to let the membership know when such plan was available on-line.

Close Old Lynchburg Road

A member suggested we take a look at the suggestion of closing Old Lynchburg Road and make it a true City, neighborhood street once more. This would certainly make Azalea Park a family accessible park which it needs to be. Closing Old Lynchburg Road would help to alleviate many of the current problems associated with the volume and speed of vehicular traffic using this City street as a thoroughfare from the developments just outside the City limits in the County to destinations in the City for school, jobs, and recreation. This street has bourn the burden and is maxed out. Some questioned whether or not the City truly understood and whether the connector road would have to be built first before any relief could be given. Another question was suggested as to asking Mr. Tolbert if Plan B could be modified to address pressing needs.

J.P.A. Bridge and Todd Avenue - Report by Adrienne Dent

Adrienne Dent was one of several representatives who attended a meeting with VDOT on December 19, 2006 to discuss the design of the new bridge to be built at J.P.A. near the corner of Maury/Fontaine/ J.P.A. Adrienne expressed several times how positive the meeting was and that the VDOT representative, Greg Krystiniak, was very open and encouraging of ideas and concerns expressed. (See attached minutes) A final question: What is the time line for construction of the replacement bridge since several windows of time have been discussed at previous FSNA meetings by representatives in attendance. Adrienne Dent volunteered to get this current information from Ashley Cooper and pass it on to FSNA at the February 8, 2006 meeting.

Maury/Fontaine/J.P.A. Project

At one time it was thought that this project would be on going at the same time as the new bridge replacement, but Mr. Tolbert reassured folks that these two projects would be happening at two separate times.

Satellite Fire Station

Questions arose as to the fire safety accommodations during the closing of the bridge and how that it is to be set up by the fire department and rescue vehicles. It was suggested to invite representatives of the fire department to the February 8, 2006 meeting. Adrienne Dent said that she would take the initiative of inviting those individuals who work as First Responders.

Questions for Developers

To better understand what the current status of the parcels of development are and what their time line is, it was suggested to ask those developers of the Cherry Hill, Dyamond property, and others to a question and answer session at an upcoming session. Tom Hickman came to an earlier meeting and said that he would be glad to return anytime in the future for updates.

Unightly Corner

In the median at the corner of Stribling Avenue and J.P.A. there continue to be deep ruts and an unsightly corner created by heavy trucks either in backing or turning. What can be done to correct this as this is one of the first things that “welcome” folks into the neighborhood? One suggestion was to ask for the erection of heavy guard rails around this particular corner that would act as a deterrent to the careless driver.

25 m.p.h.

It was suggested with all of the problems with speeding and unsafe travel in the neighborhood that **all** residential streets in the Fry’s Spring Neighborhood be changed to **25 m.p.h.** in the Master Plan.

Candidates for the School Board

Candidates for the Charlottesville City School Board will be invited to participate in a “Getting to Know You” at the March or April meeting of the FSNA.

Environmental Issues

Jack Greer, newly appointed member of the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority let us know that on May 6, 2006 there will be a Hazardous Waste Collection of household items and antifreeze to name two. Additional information will be made available in the newspaper as well as on their web page at rivanna.org.

Further discussion around environmental issues gave compliments to Kristel Riddervold

of the City of Charlottesville as to the integrity of her work in her job as Environmental Specialist. It was further suggested to call her and to take a water sample in a clean mason jar or a clean container if one observes a clean water source with questionable color or odor to it. Mark the container with the time and place where the sample was taken. Chemicals should **never** be discharged into a fresh water source. Swimming pools should never discharge their chemicals into a fresh water source. Evidence of any careless discharge should be brought to the attention of Kristel Riddervold. In the information shared recently at the Planning Meeting on Thursday, January 5, a person from our neighborhood in attendance suggested property owners check for any underground oil tanks no longer in use which may be leaking as he had observed after some rains that there was an oily substance on top of one of the fresh water sources. It was **not** felt that this came from just "oil on the roads." It was suggested that when walking one take a small container to collect samples should something not look, feel, or smell right from a fresh water source. The Department of Environmental Quality was thought to enforce the runoff issues.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne S. Chase
Secretary, Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association
January 20, 2006
Final Copy of Minutes



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MEMO

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TO: City Council; Gary O’Connell, City Manager
FROM: James E. Tolbert, AICP, Director
DATE: December 19, 2005
SUBJECT: **JPA Bridge**

On Thursday, December 15th a meeting was held between Fry’s Spring Neighborhood representatives and VDOT to discuss the JPA Bridge project. It was a very successful meeting with a great deal of discussion. The end result was that VDOT will take another look at the bridge plans to see if they can accommodate the plans of the neighborhood before those plans are bid for construction.

When we hear back from the VDOT representatives, we will advise City Council. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

These minutes have been reissued with names spelled corrected with portions attributed to Adrienne Dent. Thanks to her work in putting them together and our apologies for leaving that attribution off the original.

JET:sdp

Attachment

cc: Jim Tolbert	Greg Krystiniak
Angela Tucker	Adrienne Dent
Tony Edwards	Michael Petrus
Ashley Cooper	Andrea K. Wieder
Darin Simpson	Larry Wieder

JPA Bridge Meeting**December 15, 2005****Adrienne Dent Notes:**

The meeting started at 9am.

In attendance were: Angela Tucker, Jim Tolbert, Tony Edwards, Ashley Cooper, Darren Simpson, Greg Krystiniak (VDOT), Adrienne Dent, Micheal Petrus, Andrea K. Wieder and Larry Wieder.

Reason of meeting as stated by Jim Tolbert: At last meeting about JPA Bridge, the mayor requested that Tolbert set up a meeting with VDOT, John Santoski and one other representative if F. S.

Krystiniak stated that he had read the notes from the Nov. 18 meeting and then invited comments from us.

Andrea spoke first and at length about residential turn-over that had occurred in recent years, about the shift in owner-occupied homes vs. rental homes, about safety concerns with fire response, about Gary O'Connell's 1997 inaccurate characterization of our neighborhood as "fully developed," about the linkage (or lack thereof) of the JPA/Maury/Fontaine intersection with the JPA bridge project...

Micheal Petrus spoke second adding his view that closing Todd Ave. would create more hazards for emergency response to the neighborhood. He emphasized the neighborhood's desire to see the bridge replacement go forward in a timely fashion and questioned the need for the width of the bridge as presented in current drawings.

Andrea spoke again about the 2202 JPA Duplex and the apparent agreement between City and duplex owner to have exclusive rights to parking area at end of Todd Ave.

Tolbert clarified that the JPA/Maury/Fontaine corridor project will NOT be linked with the JPA bridge project.

Larry urged that the JPA bridge project and any modifications to the JPA intersection keep pedestrian safety as top concern.

Tolbert summarized neighborhood concerns- 1- Closure of Todd Ave., 2- Width of bridge

Michael Petrus asked for reexamination of gradation from bridge down to first house on Todd Ave. Is it potentially possible to keep Todd Ave. open with a narrower bridge and/or a "right in only" or "right out only" in one direction on Todd Ave. Intersection with Todd Ave. could potentially then enhance traffic calming on JPA.

Andrea stressed that the bridge is an entrance to a relatively quiet and green residential

Adrienne Dent Notes (Continued):

neighborhood, not a throughway inviting high traffic flow and high speeds.

Krystiniak spoke about process, a process he said that includes public involvement but with the following challenges. One, changes to a plan already viewed and approved by a neighborhood should be minimized to avoid recycling through the public hearing process (therefore prolonging the final goal). Two, federal money for projects means standards must meet VA regulations for widths of lanes, etc. Design exceptions are needed to reduce the width of bridge.

Attention turned toward the drawings of the plan and exact measurements of the bridge width, lane width, and number of lanes, median width and other drawing interpretations. Larry and Michael questioned the need for a median on the bridge. Michael stated that the continuation of JPA's width (past Stribling with parking on both sides, bike lane, median, etc) onto bridge is unnecessary and wasteful. Michael requested of Krystiniak a rendering of plans which clearly indicates use of width on the bridge.

End of Adrienne Dent Notes

After reviewing many elements of the drawings it was agreed that Greg Krystiniak would have VDOT staff evaluate several issues and report back to the City (Tolbert). The issues to be evaluated include:

- Possible right in access only on Todd Avenue
- Lane widths on bridge
- Overall width of bridge-possibly reduce or eliminate median
- Reorganize parking on Todd

Tolbert also indicated that he would have his staff work with the Fire Department to see if there were possible improvements that can be made to Todd Avenue to improve access in case Todd can not be left open. Tolbert also agreed to ask Fire Department representatives to attend a Fry's Spring Neighborhood meeting to discuss fire protection issues.

The neighborhood representatives agreed that if there was an either/or decision regarding bridge widths vs. Todd opening, they preferred the Todd opening. It was also understood that these changes would only be considered if they were considered minor enough not to return VDOT to the public hearing process.

The meeting concluded at 11:00 p.m.