

**Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association
October 12, 2005**

Attendees:

A. K. Wieder	S. L. Foard	Joe Mooney
John Santoski	Adrienne Dent	Terri DiCintio
Chip King	Michael Farruggio	Ellen Catalano
David Lee	Ann Goede	Jack Gwynn
Jeanne S. Chase		

Agenda:

Planning Meeting Report	Traffic Calming	Sidewalks
Quality of Life Letter	OLR Update	Web Page
Oktoberfest	Additional Topics	

Special Meeting, Date, and Time

Special meeting date is scheduled for **October 26, 2005** at the Fry's Spring Beach Club, 5:30 p.m., to discuss the **bridge and Todd Avenue**.

Meeting, Date, and Time

Second Wednesday of the month, Fry's Spring Beach Club, 5:30 p.m.,
Next **regular** meeting date: **November 9, 2005**

Traffic Calming

Mike Farruggio reported that concerns were being raised by the residents of Monte Vista as to the volume of cut through traffic and the speeding of the same traffic through this residential neighborhood street. With ideas to correct the problem the idea of speed bumps was discussed.

Sidewalks on Middleton and Mobile Lane

The CIP Funds Project that has been three years in the making has been started and almost completed at the intersection of Middleton and Mobile. Some No Parking signs in this area **may** be added.

Cherry Avenue/Cleveland/Willard

Andrea Wieder voiced frustration over the lack of information coming from Charlottesville City sources in a timely fashion that were asked for in the August meeting with Mayor David Brown in attendance concerning the breakdown of communication in regard to the planning phase of the traffic calming at the corner of Cherry Avenue/Cleveland/ Willard which involved residents of the Fry's Spring Neighborhood and the final execution of the ideas which look nothing like the three ideas presented. Mayor Brown asked Ashley Cooper to look into the breakdown and report back to the Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association. Ashley was at the September 14 meeting, but the traffic was not discussed due to the length of the meeting on other items. Ashley could not attend the meeting on October 12, 2005. The FSNA directed that a letter from John Santoski, President of FSNA, be written in regard to this matter to Mayor David Brown and to City Manager Gary O'Connell with copies sent to Jim Tolbert, and City Council members.

Minutes from Mary Joy Scala

Minutes should be available from Mary Joy Scala, former Neighborhood Planner for the FSN, from the meetings that took place three years ago in June according to members who worked on the plans. Members of that group also took notes and will use them to cross-check.

October 26, 2005 Meeting

Due to the importance of the meeting it was decided that the entire focus will be on the bridge closing for renovations and the proposed closing of Todd Avenue. Members discussed the importance of keeping the meeting to the issues. It is also important to stress the process issue as well as ways the neighborhood has been discounted so that the concerns are heard in a manner that the result can be a win-win result. Several city leaders have indicated they will be coming and the newspaper will be invited as well. It was stressed that the issue is the **lack of** timely communication from the initial planning stages to the current developments brought on by changes within the Fry's Spring Neighborhood that were **not** known five years ago or even three years ago. **How are these changes being addressed in the current plans for the bridge?**

Fontaine Avenue

It was reported that the Fontaine Avenue Proposal is being revisited. Because the funds originally set aside for this project were diverted to another project the FSNA cites this as another example where trust or the lack thereof is an issue. Who can one believe and for how long?

Neighborhood Planning Meeting, October 8, 2005, “Update”

John Santoski gave a brief overview of the all day Saturday meeting on October 8, 2005 to address future planning for neighborhoods in the City of Charlottesville. It was reported by several who attended that charts presented for the working session showed that sidewalks had already been put down along Old Lynchburg Road as well as Stribling Avenue to name two locations who **still wait** for the job to be done. Additionally, the name of Jackson-Via elementary school was labeled by another name.

Old Lynchburg Road “Safety, Sidewalks, and Drainage” Update

Jeanne Chase reported that the project to address “Safety, Sidewalks, and Drainage” issues on Old Lynchburg Road was in the **waiting stage**. The project is now on two lists awaiting its turn. Once Old Lynchburg Road gets to the top of the lists then Tony Edwards, City Engineer, will meet with the neighbors as a whole and then separately to design what will work best for the terrain of their land to get the optimum help that is needed. The same design for the lower properties will not work for the properties which have a higher elevation. Therefore, close work with each property owner is a necessity. The volume of traffic and its excessive speed continue to be a daily problem on this residential street of **25 m.p.h.** Rob Schilling and Blake Caravati of Charlottesville City Council have come to take walks with the neighbors to see the need “first hand.” Each was given a photo memory notebook to take with them to refer to for future discussions. The walks are open to all who want to schedule one. The invitation was given to all city leaders.

Quality of Life Letter

The status of the Quality of Life letter was addressed and a copy of the rough copy was shared with the attendees. A question was raised as to whether it needed now to include some additional items due to current issues. John was given a directive to include the changes and to get the letter sent by the end of October, 2005. After the letter is sent then the letter is to be posted on the web page.

Federation of Association Presidents

It was discussed how important it would be for the coalition of all community association presidents to meet to discuss common community concerns. (i.e. traffic issues: calming, speeding, running red lights, stop sign violations, cross walk violations, bridge closings, timely communication, etc.) This has been most helpful in the past.

Web Page - <http://avenue.org/fsna/>

Compliments to Peter Hedlund on the work he has done thus far on the web page. Discussion included that “more is better.” Ideas to be included on the Web Page should be sent to Peter Hedlund and to John Santoski for review so that any revisions that are needed can be done before the posting of the material in its final form. Peter will publish all planning information as it becomes available.

Suggested Format for October 26, 2005 Meeting

A clear agenda needs to be established for a comprehensive presentation. Since context is needed it was suggested that the first half hour be for **Plan Presentation**, the second half hour will be for **Questions** from the audience, and the third half hour will be for **Concerns** to be presented. Mike Farruggio will chair the panel as John Santoski will be unable to attend. All were in agreement that the meeting should be tightly run to keep the focus.

Where Are We Now?

A second special meeting will be sought to answer the following question, “Where are we now?” The answers should include up to date information on: the Dymond property, the Johnson development, the Granger property, the Southern Connector, and realistic plans for traffic when the bridge is closed.

Oktoberfest

The Fall Festival that is known as Oktoberfest will be moved forward to a possible Spring date due to the large amount of items on the agenda since June of 2005. A lot of planning goes into making this the success that it has been in the past and the time is needed to do it. If you have a creative Spring idea let John Santoski know.

Terri DiCintio - Mission Statement for Fry’s Spring Neighborhood Planning

Terri reported on the “Mission Statement” worked on during the Neighborhood Planning Day that took place on Saturday, October 8, 2005, and offers it to us to suggest any additions or changes to fine tune before placing on the Web Page. Terri’s e-mail address is: tdicintio@hotmail.com Please forward your thoughts to her on the “Mission Statement.” The statement follows in its current form.

At the Neighborhood Design Day this past Saturday, those of us present from the Fry's Spring Neighborhood came up with the following "mission statement" for our neighborhood:

To promote and increase long term owner occupied family housing.

The following bullet points were then listed as necessary to achieve the mission:

- Adopt the "3 unrelateds" rule for our neighborhood that the city passed in university districts during the last comp plan process
- Enhance our neighborhood schools - Johnson and Jackson-Via (Buford?)
- Viable family houses - encourage and expand use of city tax abatement program so families can add onto their homes rather than moving away because they need a bigger house
- Need more sidewalks
- Address traffic issues - speed, volume reduction, cut throughs, calming
- Increase trees and green space

I will be happy to explain if this does not make sense to those who were not present.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne S. Chase
Secretary, Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association
October 19, 2005
Revised Copy of Minutes