

CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES of July 3, 2018, CTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Dick Brown, CTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS or ALTERNATES

Eagles Nest	Nick Broussard	Highland Woods	Charles Popke	South Landing	Christine Wood
Golf East	Jerry Keith	Lakewood	Charles Wick	Southwind	Tim Bloedorn
Golf North	Jody Jackett	Laurel Thicket	Dave Carmony	Stonegate	Joe Dunne
Golf West	Absent	Mallard Cove	Absent	Village at Trace	Sharwynne Blatterman
Harbor Creek	Mary Salvo	North Shore	David Smoak	Woodfield	Elaine Bednarcik
Hidden Lake	Ken Harden	Sedgemoor	Chris Viverette	Wdmr/Trntwood	Bill Elliot

OFFICERS

President and Chair of the Executive Committee	Dick Brown
Vice President and Chair of the Security and Safety Committee	Ken Harden
Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee Assistant Treasurer	Scott Erickson Marilon Winther
Secretary and Chair of the Communications Committee	David Smoak

Guests

Utilities Vince Roy	Cal Saltzman
CTCC Jeff Grabbe	Nate Mahaney
NSPOA Alt Bill Glance	Robert Violon

PRESENTATION – A presentation was made by Jody Jackett (GN) recommending improvements to the Gatehouse security cameras and the installation of additional cameras near the emergency exits.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The June 5, 2018 minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – A new report format for May was distributed. Changes included tracking the “non-paying” lots (39 improved 82 unimproved) and the remaining balance on legal services performed regarding Little River Quarry (\$42,875). The process to begin the 2019 budget has started and a current census of lots is part of that process. The draft budget will be presented at the August meeting. New report format was approved.

A cost benefit analysis was done by Joe Dunne (SG) regarding the automation and opening of the two emergency exits. See attachment #1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – A brief meeting about 2019 budget preparations was held.

Security & Safety – Security Log is attachment #2. A new phone was installed at Gatehouse, service should be better now. CTCC has agreed to pay for supplemental guard hours during large events at CTCC. Non-resident members of CTCC will be allowed to purchase e-stickers. Residents using the multiple delivery services online and in town will be allowed to call in visitor passes, please provide as much driver/company information as possible. Basic CERT Training for August is attachment #3.

The following motion was approved for a two-tier vote "To spend up to \$30,000 from CTA Reserves to implement the video camera upgrade package presented by Jody Jackett(GN). Additional information was requested to help POAs with their decisions.

Traceway Roads & Maintenance (TRAM) – The mulch piles/tree stumps near Hwy 87 will be lowered/reduced to grade level. Ongoing drain projects at Stonegate and Chelsea Dr continue to be top priority. Several 4x4's were installed by the interior N.Traceway gate to deter traffic going around. A summary on the Canadian Geese issue is attachment #4.

Communications – No report

CTCC Liaison – The correct price for non-members to play 9-holes of POA sponsored golf events is \$25. Non-members are being asked to stay off CTCC property at all times to include after-hours walkers and bikers. The normal 4th of July activities are planned. A question about lowering Lake Trace for homeowner dock maintenance was deferred

Firewise – We have achieved another successful Firewise qualification, this is not the same as a grant but is part of the process and a noteworthy achievement. Firewise will have a booth at the upcoming "Street Fair" hosted by CTCC as always.

Utilities Report – See attachment #5.

CT Fire Dept – No report

OLD BUSINESS –

A. **Little River Quarry** – No Report, August is next month for possible Supreme Court decision..

NEW BUSINESS –

A. A statement was submitted by ENPOA, regarding their sign lights. See attachment #6

NEXT CTA Meeting – Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Smoak, Secretary, Carolina Trace Association

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Stonegate Cost Benefit Analysis for Emergency Gates

Attachment 2: Security Log June 2018

Attachment 3: CERT Basic Course Announcement

Attachment 4: Canada geese issue

Attachment 5: CWS Utilities rate increase

Attachment 6: ENPOA Statement about sign lighting

NEW GATE EXIT

Cost/Benefit Data

Going South on NC87 - No Benefit

Going North on NC 87 - Large Benefit

Example: Driver A leaves Stonegate and drives 5.5 miles and will be less than 0.5 miles from starting point as he passes Argyll Exit and return trip, waste = 10 miles.

Going nowhere. What does that cost?

Based on 25 mpg/avg. and \$2.50/gal of gas, the cost follows:

<u>Trips/wk.</u>	<u>Miles/wk.</u>	<u>Gal./wk.</u>	<u>Cost/wk.</u>	<u>Wasted</u>	
				<u>Cost/Mo.</u>	<u>Cost/Yr.</u>
2	20	0.8	\$2	\$8.67	\$104
5	50	2.0	\$5	\$21.67	\$260
10	100	4.0	\$10	\$43.33	\$520

(From Mallard Cove increased cost is +20%)

What does it cost Group B? The 800 residents in homes from Stonegate to the North Exit.
(Does not include North Shore POA)?

F) <u>Trips/wk.</u>	<u>Wasted/Yr.</u>	<u>Group B Res.</u>	<u>Total Wasted/Yr.</u>	<u>Cost over the last 3 years pending CTA Action</u>
2	\$104	x 800	\$83,200	\$249,600
5	\$260	x 800	\$208,000	\$624,000
10	\$520	x 800	\$416,000	\$1,248,800

Stonegate POA will support the Project (CTA or Private)

CTGC Improved Lots

1600

North Side - Lots

1047

South Side - Lots

553

North of Carrs Creek

816

In North Shore

231

Call this Group B - 800+ homes with 1 car.
Most have at least 2 cars.

CTA BENEFITS:

- Reduce Gate House E-Sticker traffic by more than 50%
- Reduces traffic on Traceway North from Stonegate, South to exit by 70% (includes suicide hill area)
- Less traffic in and out at NC87 light
- Helps prepare CTGC for future growth
- Emergency Exit continues
- Future growth would otherwise require Gate House upgrades
- Eliminates the immediate need for a Gate at South End
- Free up CTA funds for other South Side needs.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1. 4 way stop sign / blinker at Cox Mill Road
2. Traffic light at Cox Mill Road
3. Turning lane on Cox Mill Road South into North Exit Road
4. Would not have to deal with Horner Blvd. ByPass merge
5. Much closer to ByPass
6. School Bus Stop
7. May need Grant of Easement for those paying for E-sticker (North Side)
8. Exhibit Driver A would save \$420.00 per year at a \$100/year E-sticker cost
9. Visitors must go through Gate House Security
10. Security may have vehicle count and trip info

ACTION:

Need valid quote for E-Gate System Options:

- CTA Capitol Project
- Private Investor - Licensee who sells E-stickers to POA and/or members that want it.
New profitable business opportunity for SPA or Private Security firm (e.g. Tyco) that installs, maintains and sells E-stickers to Group B for an annual fee.
- Trace investors do it and sell E-stickers

SECURITY LOG FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

CATEGORY	WEEK 1-2	WEEK 3-9	WEEK 10-16	WEEK 17-23	WEEK 24-30	TOTAL
ACCIDENT	1	1	0	0	0	2
EMS	1	5	2	3	4	15
PATROL RESPONSE	4	7	3	4	5	23
PATROL HOURS	96	336	336	336	336	1,440
SHERIFF PATROL	3	2	5	7	2	19
SCHEDULE PERMITS	546	1,369	1,085	1,270	1,153	5,423
ACTUAL PERMITS	477	1,169	903	1,071	943	4,563
UNSCHEDULE GUEST	4	9	15	18	11	57
FIRE ALARM	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNLOCKED DOORS	0	0	0	0	0	0
VANDALISM	0	0	0	0	0	0
CITIATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTGP	1	10	11	8	6	36
GOLFERS	25	101	155	91	101	473
CTCC	8	99	41	221	70	439

CERT Basic Course Scheduled for August 2018

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a training program that prepares community volunteers to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a major disaster. During a major disaster, first responders may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will learn the skills needed to help save lives and protect property.

What do CERT teams do in an emergency?

Under the direction of the Lee County Director of Emergency Services, CERT volunteers provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. Volunteers trained in CERT also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as traffic and crowd control, shelter support and evacuation.

How does CERT help the community?

In addition to supporting emergency responders during a disaster, the CERT program builds strong relationships between the emergency responders and the people they serve. CERT teams also participate by helping with neighborhood emergency plans, exercises, emergency preparedness information and education.

The Benefits of CERT Training

We work with local agencies to provide some of the best and most interactive response training available. CERT training starts with a 21-hour basic course approved by FEMA and taught here in Lee County at the Central Carolina Community College's Emergency Services Training Center. The basic course provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response. Participants learn to:

Anticipate hazards

Extinguish small fires

Conduct search and rescue operations

Apply basic first aid

Set-up medical treatment areas

Help reduce survivor stress

****You may also participate in additional CERT related training including drills and exercises.****

Who Should Join CERT?

If you are at least eighteen years old, and have the desire to become involved, you are eligible to join CERT. Now is the time to get involved and discover what other CERT Volunteers have already experienced learning to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster. There is no cost for CERT training to Lee County residents, and there is a job for everyone, regardless of age or physical condition. **The next CERT Basic Course is scheduled for August 2018: Friday, August 3rd 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Saturday, August 4th 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Friday, August 10th 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Saturday, August 11th 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

To sign up, contact Lee County CERT leaders: Penny Turner at pturner@windstream.net or Sparky Wilson at sparky.wilson06@gmail.com.

CERT: "Doing the greatest good, for the greatest number."

CANADA GEESE AT CAROLINA TRACE COMMON PROPERTY

This statement is to provide context and understand of CTA TRAM's approach in dealing with the large number of Canada geese currently staying near the CT/Hwy 87 entranceway.

1. Several years ago, CTA authorized and paid for the removal and destruction of numerous Canada geese. Since then, concern was shared among CTA directors about continuing that practice.
2. The planting of winter rye grass near the entranceway was done for aesthetic effects during the winter which incurred additional costs of approximately \$10,000/year and provided a food source for geese to "winter over" here at CT vs migrating as normal geese would do. This policy has stopped.
3. Current "goose stakes" are placed around some areas of CTA common property for two reasons:
 1. To provide limited protection to those areas of grass heavily depleted by constant goose grazing.
 2. To serve as an irritant to encourage the flock of geese to eventually migrate.
4. Goose stakes are plastic stakes wrapped in bird tape with additional streamers made of bird tape. It is fully understood that this irritant only works on sunny, breezy days that make the tape flutter and serves as an irritant. It is also fully understood that nothing short of destruction is going to make a flock migrate when baby geese are still being raised and when they are molting.
5. The limits of our current approach regarding the Canada geese are completely understood. Comments from residents regarding the geese are always welcomed, but the true effectiveness can not be measured until winter approaches and if the geese leave.

CWSNC Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase

Vince Roy, CTA Utilities Rep.

July 3, 2018

Background:

On May 22, 2018 the NCUC notified Carolina Trace residents that CWSNC has proposed a water/sewer rate increase for Carolina Trace and multiple other communities in the “Uniform Rate” consortium.

This was a ‘surprise’ to the NCUC and the Public Staff, who are our advocates in Raleigh, because CWSNC was just granted a significant rate increase and a consolidation of their operations through the ‘Uniform Rate’ structure just last year.

The current CWSNC rate increase proposal will erase Carolina Trace’s last year’s decrease with an overall increase of nearly 9%.

Action Needed:

To assist the Public Staff and the NCUC in their effort to evaluate and minimize any rate increase, Carolina Trace and other community residents must (1) write to the NCUC and Public Staff and (2) attend the public hearings to express concerns.

Concerns To Express To NCUC/Public Staff:

Recusal: NCUC Commissioner Ed Finley and Executive Director Public Staff Chris Ayers should recuse themselves from any discussion of this CWSNC rate increase since they previously worked at law firms that supported CWSNC.

Base Rate vs Utilization Rate: CWSNC is requesting that ALL of the rate increase be added to the current BASE RATE. This is an effort on the part of CWSNC to essentially ‘guarantee’ their profit rate regardless of water usage. Any rate increase should be levied against the water/sewer utilization rate.

Base Rate vs Conservation: Water conservation must be a primary concern in water consumption. This mandates that any rate increase should be added to the water/sewer utilization rate and not the base rate.

Uniform Rate Program: In 2017, the NCUC/Public Staff ‘generously’ allowed the CWSNC to adopt the Uniform Rate structure which enables them to consolidate multiple communities into a single proposal vice applying for only one at a time. CWSNC appears to be taking advantage of NCUC and the Public Staff’s generosity and now is planning to submit annual rate increase proposals beyond what the NC Legislature allowed for several years ago. The NCUC and Public Staff MUST disallow annual rate increase requests and be firm with CWSNC as they were with Duke Energy.

Public Hearings:

Consumer Hearings: Nearest to CT is at Raleigh on October 8 at 7:00PM in room 2115 at the Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury St.

NCUC Hearing: This is the major hearing held in Raleigh on October 16 at 10:00AM. Same address as above.

Correspondence: Send to Gina Casselberry: fax 919.715.6704. Email: gina.casselberry@psncuc.nc.gov.

You can also send a letter to either the Public Staff Chief Counsel, Mr. Davis Drooz or the Attorney General Honorable Josh Stein.

Their addresses are in the May 22 letter you received from the NCUC.

BOTTOM LINE:

CT residents MUST write to the Public Staff and NCUC to express their dissatisfaction with the CWSNC request for a rate increase. They MUST also attend the hearings.

Hello, I am Nick Broussard, treasurer of ENPOA and alternate CTA director. I would like to address the issue of our sign. The ENPOABOD was happy to learn that our sign provides a warning to motorist to proceed with caution on Traceway. The Board has no intent to modify our sign.

Thank