

Tuesday –July 29, 2003
Shiloh Community Center
121 Shiloh Road
Asheville, N.C.

7:09 p.m. – Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles R. Worley, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Terry M. Bellamy; Councilman James E. Ellis; Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones; Councilman R. Carl Mumpower; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and Deputy City Clerk Phyllis Corns

Absent: Councilman Joseph C. Dunn and Councilman Brian L. Peterson

The following topics/concerns were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: questions were asked concerning the status of the Police Department's use of the Shiloh Community Center for such items as report writing, etc.; City staff was commended for the effectiveness of the recent community walk in the Shiloh vicinity; a traffic stop was requested for the area near Forest Street and Hendersonville Road, especially due to the Biltmore Forest turn off, which causes confusion for motorists; assistance with parked cars and overgrown shrubbery along Brooklyn Road and White Avenue, and throughout the Shiloh community; problems with trash collection along roadsides, including West Chapel and Brooklyn Road, were addressed; traffic hazards caused by nearby Sweeten Creek Road were raised; concerns about continuing drug activity in the community and its impact on the children and property values was raised; the need for the reestablishment of locally-owned, small businesses within the Shiloh community was raised; a request was made for a three-year summary of the type of assistance that has been offered to persons who have been convicted of drug related crimes, including job training and treatment programs, with the summary to be sent to the Shiloh Residents Association; concerns about speeding on Rock Hill Road and Craven Street were discussed, as well as a request for speed bumps on Caribou Road and near the end of Shiloh Road; the status of the Appledorn project was asked, and whether the traffic impact of the project on the community has been considered; staff was asked about a possible land purchase by Mission-St. Joseph Hospital on Caribou Road and what future plans were for the location; the 2025 Plan was discussed and staff asked how the plan will impact the Shiloh community; a suggestion was made to allow adult volunteers to ride school buses to encourage good behavior and build relationships with the students; the need for more affordable housing in the community was raised; the spirit of cooperation and community concern exhibited during the meeting was commended, as well as Ms. Marilyn Bass' return to the Asheville community in her capacity with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS); the need for improved street maintenance in Shiloh was requested; Chris Slusher with NHS spoke on future plans for a task force to work in concert with the Shiloh community; Mrs. Bessie Greenlee of the Shiloh community was commended for her efforts in collecting roadside litter.

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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MAYOR