

SWCAC meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 p.m.
Carolina Pines
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831-6740

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NEXT MEETING: APRIL 10, 2006 7:00 P.M.

Agenda

- 1. District 26 Police report-** Officer Upchurch
- 2. Parks and Recreation report –** Robert Stewart
- 3. Southwest District Plan Update –** We have seen the presentations, participated in discussions, but this is the last time as a CAC we will view and discuss the plan – especially the economic portion. Do you want more shopping centers? More apartments? More open space/parks? James Brantley, City of Raleigh Long Range and Comprehensive Planning, will give us the latest version of the Southwest District Plan Update. This is your opportunity to express your views about the plan that will be followed for the next 10-20(?) years. Remember the Comprehensive Plan carries more weight than in the past and should reflect what we truly need.
- 4. Raleigh/Wake County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness -** Henri Hudson is an intern with this plan and is coming to invite us to their April 20 event. Because the Homeless Shelter was in our CAC area and now is just northeast of our area, we need to be aware of the 10-Year Plan.
- 5. Old business**
- 6. New business**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH SW CAC MEETING

Eric Lamb, Manager of the Raleigh Transportation Services Division, Explained everything we needed to know about how to get sidewalks built in our neighborhoods. Sidewalks can be Capital Improvement (CIP), NCDOT TIP, development-related, city initiated, or petition projects. City initiated projects typically occur on thoroughfares and/or where curb & gutter are in place – an example is Centennial Parkway. Petition projects are usually completed in six to twelve months after authorization and cost \$6 per linear foot. If you want to petition for a sidewalk, call 890-3030 to get a copy of the petition form. Lake Wheeler Road will get sidewalks when widening occurs as part of the latest Transportation Bond. Allison Hapgood, from Raleigh Housing Authority, did a wonderful job of explaining everything about Section 8 vouchers that go with the person, not the property. Landlords do not have to take Section 8 vouchers – they do so by choice. Landlords choose to participate and only they can evict tenants! Landlords do all the upkeep and maintenance. If such rental property is not maintained, contact the Raleigh Housing Authority – Pricilla Batts at 508-1101.

If you live in the SouthWest CAC area, you are a member of SW CAC. We need your presence and opinions at each SW CAC meeting as we work together to make all communities in the SouthWest CAC area better, stronger and safer.

Special Places in the Southwest CAC:

The Carolina Pines Hotel

Located on the north side of Tryon Road adjacent to the Norfolk and Southern Railroad right-of-way, the Carolina Pines Hotel stands as a reminder of the early 20th century resort hotel movement in North Carolina. Opened on July 23, 1933 the hotel and surrounding 450-acre resort was the dream of Herbert Anderson Carlton, a local developer who wished to provide an idyllic retreat and recreational opportunities for well-to-do patrons, as well as people of ordinary means. To this end, he constructed the handsome Colonial Revival-style hotel building in the midst of a pine grove, and laid out two 18-hole golf courses, a riding club with 35 saddle horses, four tennis courts with night illumination, a lake and a swimming pool, a casino, an outdoor theater, polo grounds, a fishery, a pet farm, and girls' and boys' camps.

Although the Carolina Pines Resort and Hotel was modeled on similar North Carolina resorts such as Southern Pines in Moore County and the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, it presented a somewhat novel idea in that it promised choice recreational activities and luxurious accommodations for citizens of all classes at an affordable price. This was Mr. Carlton's philanthropic philosophy, and was reflected in the interpretation of the Colonial Revival style of the hotel building. Mr. Carlton used the easily recognizable style as a vocabulary to convey the virtues of simplicity, stability, and honesty to the Depression-weary citizens of Wake County. Publicity surrounding the 1933 resort opening emphasizes Mr. Carlton's philosophy by praising him as a true philanthropist who "has considered the times and kept fees down to a point where all may enjoy their favorite recreation." (*Raleigh News and Observer*, July 23, 1933) *The News and Observer* went on to describe Mr. Carlton as "a dreamer who is also a builder. Doubtless, his name will rank high on the recording angels' list of those who love their fellowmen. But he's getting part of his reward now, when he basks in the pleasure of those made happy through his endeavors at Carolina Pines."

Unfortunately, less than a year after the resort's opening, Mr. Carlton found himself unable to pay his creditors and was obliged to place his company under court-regulated receivership. However, such was his reputation that *News and Observer* editor Jonathan Daniels testified at the hearing, saying "Since, as you honor said, this is a community affair as well as a legal one, it seems to me that lawyers should join creditors in trying to save Carolina Pines." Mr. Carlton lost his interest in the Carolina Pine Resort, but his family, and later other entities, continued to run the hotel and sell off parcels of land until the hotel itself was purchased by the Delta Sigma Fraternity in December, 1957. Today the Carolina Pines Hotel together with a stable and a well house, occupies the residual 7.32 acre parcel that is defined by its namesake pine grove on the north side, and an original stone wall that separates the front lawn from Tryon Road on the south. The hotel building is a designated Raleigh Historic Landmark, and as such, serves as an important reminder of the resort venture that first focused the Raleigh powers-that-be on the city's southern environs.

City of Raleigh Community Services Department News: *Getting Involved and Empowering You to Improve Your Neighborhood*

Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2005-2006

The Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grant Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood-serving or neighborhood-based organizations and individuals to initiate projects designed to benefit your particular neighborhood. Projects can be physical or social in nature, but must *emphasize neighborhood input and involvement*, and be able to prove how the project will benefit the neighborhood. Call 831-6100 for details.

September is 'Neighborhoods Month'. Celebrate your neighborhood every day and every month. Join other citizens and community leaders for the 3rd Annual Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange! September 8 & 9, 2006. Great workshops, speakers and community gathering. For information, call 831-6099.

Neighborhood Clean-Ups

Spring is here. Coordinated by SWS and Community Services is a great opportunity to improve your neighborhood while getting people of all ages involved. Plan it good, plan it great. You will have our support. If interested on planning one, call your community specialist at 831-6099.

Raleigh Neighborhood College

The Neighborhood College is a program offered by the City of Raleigh in partnership with Wake County. The Fall 2006 session registration will start in August. It will last 13 weeks with classes that provide information on several different kinds of City services, as well as County services. Students in the Neighborhood College will have a chance to meet and interact with City staff, County staff, and other Raleigh residents to learn things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at different City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For more details, contact us at 831-6100.

Neighborhood Association Registry

This program enhances citizen involvement by providing communication and partnering between various neighborhood organizations in the City of Raleigh, its extraterritorial jurisdiction and City government. The City desires to identify and support existing neighborhood organizations, while encouraging and assisting new neighborhood groups. Our ultimate objective is empowerment of neighborhoods. If you are a member of a Raleigh neighborhood organization, (neighborhood association, garden club, homeowners association, community watch program, etc.) we encourage you to contact your neighborhood leaders and have them complete a Neighborhood Association Registry Application. For details call 831-6100.

Citizens' Participation & Leadership Institute

The City of Raleigh Community Services Department has launched a new program designed to give Raleigh citizens the opportunity to build and develop civic leadership skills. The *Citizen's Participation and Leadership Institute* offers an educational program designed to bring out the leadership potential and talents of individuals who wish to grow stronger in their civic engagement with Raleigh's municipal government. Next session will be offered in the evenings during Fall 2006. Course size is limited. For more about this program, contact Community Services Department at 831-6100.

