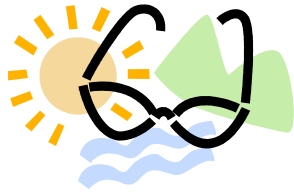


SouthWest Sentinel July 2006

monthly newsletter of the SouthWest Citizens Advisory Council

MEETINGS:

*2nd Monday 7pm Carolina Pines Community Center
2305 Lake Wheeler Road*



Ways to get involved and improve your community:
clean-ups, associations, and others

This is the time of year when everyone wants their community to look clutter free, renewed and inviting. We assist you with coordinating your clean up. For all ages. It can be your street, your block or immediate your surroundings.

The same is for a community group. Start a group to seek over your neighborhood, network with different city departments, with the support of your community specialist. Crime stats drop when neighbors stand, unite and get involved.

Others: Attend your CAC area meetings; organize a Community Festival; a Yard of the Month Program; an Adopt-a Street or an Adopt -a Park; an Outreach Initiative; volunteer at your community center. Have ideas or questions. Call 831-6099 for details.

**NO JULY MEETING SO
ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY
NEXT MEETING: AUG 14**

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890-3070*

*Raleigh Police (District 26)
831-6170*

*Police Non-Emergency:
831-6311*

*Crime Prevention:
831-6740*

*Crime Stoppers:
834-4357*

*Parks and Recreation
Robert Stewart
831-6435*

*Housing Inspections
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890-3904*



CITY NEWS AND REPORT:

Raleigh Recycling is GROWING! NEW materials will be added to the curbside program

One of the most frequent questions asked of the Solid Waste Services staff is why more materials can't be recycled. Staff now has seven positive responses to pass on to Raleigh residents. July 1, 2006 begins a new recycling contract and along with it will come the opportunity to increase what can be placed in the recycling bin and decrease the amount of waste thrown away. The following seven new materials are being added to the curbside recycling program:

- corrugated cardboard (flattened and reduce in size to 3'x3')
- paperboard (such as cereal or pasta boxes and paper tubes)
- non-drink plastic bottles (such as shampoo, ketchup and lotion bottles)
- gable top containers (such as milk cartons)
- aseptic drink boxes
- aluminum foil and trays (clean)
- soft plastic beverage rings, such as six-pack rings

Contact Linda Leighton, Recycling Coordinator at (919) 831-6494 www.raleighnc.gov/recycling.

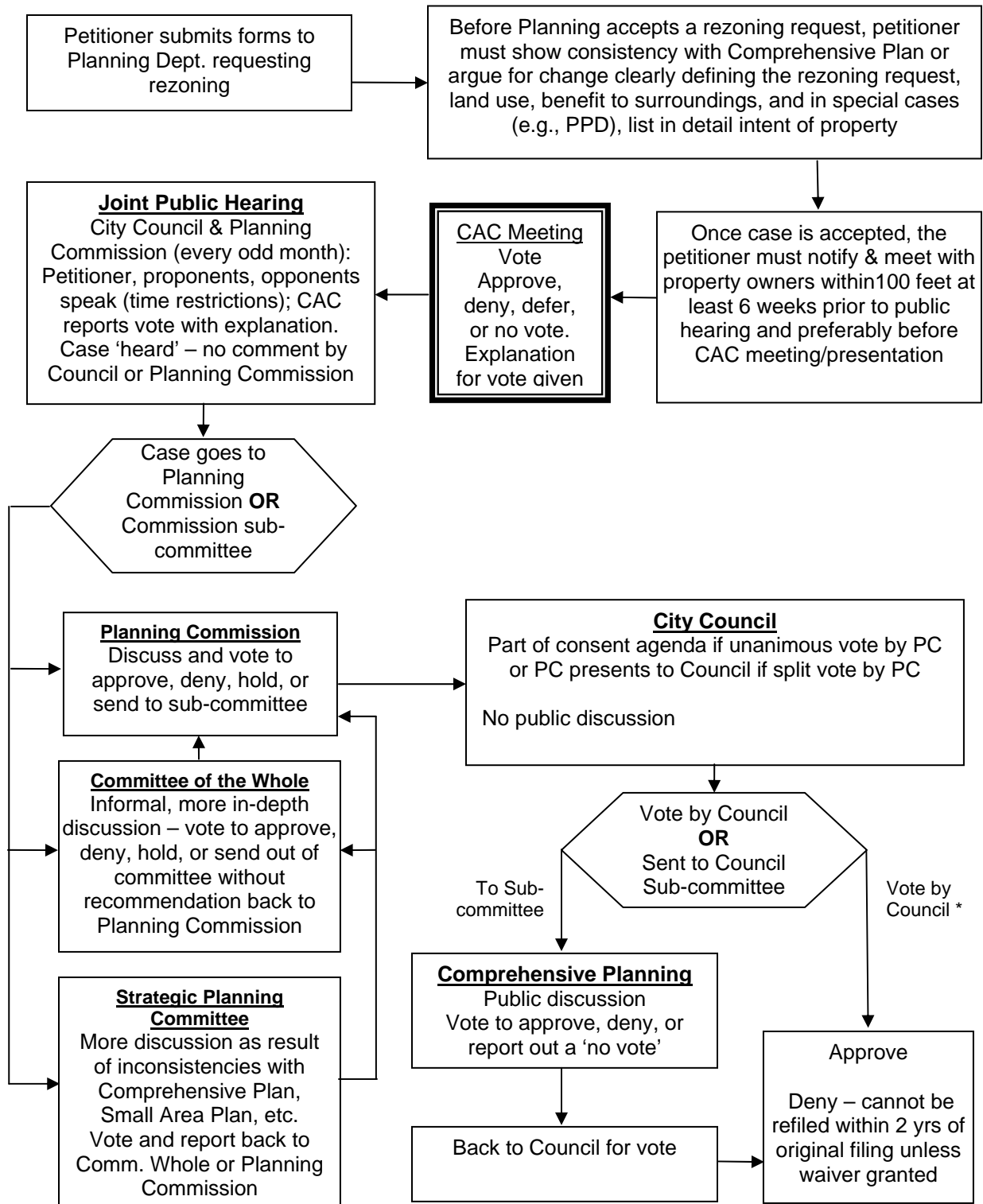
On the term Community:

We use the term community in a variety of ways, ranging from "the downtown community" to the "business community," the "faith community," the voting community," and "the medical community." These various uses emphasize geography, economics, spirituality, political, and profession. In general, is the people who live within a geographically defined area and who have social and psychological ties with each other and with the place where they live. This definition requires both geographic bounds and social ties. Are you aware of your community? Do you know your community? Do you know your community's history, characteristics, concerns, and challenges?

Knowing the Community Organizations inside SWCAC!

Pleasant Ridge and Ramsgate Community Watch is not a home owners association, but merely neighbors. Our goals are simple: help reduce crime in our neighborhood and unite our neighbors to be effective community watch members. In addition to that, we are working with the City of Raleigh to enhance our neighborhood and make it a safer & better place to live. We encourage and support neighborhood interactions through planned activities and volunteer opportunities. Our active group members are concerned citizens who strive to protect themselves and their families and display a deep concern to help each other. We do this with quarterly meetings, email based mailing lists, an interactive website, and work together to identify and solve common problems. Our foundation is built on the values of home and public safety, neighborhood unity, and increased quality of life. Each year we sponsor a Street Sweep project in May, a community wide Yard Sale in June, and a Watermelon Social for National Night Out in August. Our watch area is triangulated by Lake Wheeler Road, Lineberry Drive, and Lawrence Drive, on the south side of I-40/I-440, South Raleigh. Visit website at <http://prw-watch.org>.

Knowing Your City Departments: Planning (REZONING PROCESS)



* Simple majority unless a valid Statutory Protest Petition (SPP) is filed in which case approval requires a 3/4 majority. An SPP petition is valid if it is signed by 20% or more of the property owner(s) (both husband and wife if joint ownership) whose lots are included in the rezoning request **OR** by 5% or more of the owner(s) in a 100-foot wide buffer along the entire boundary of the property to be rezoned; petition must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. no less than two (2) full working days before the hearing date, not including the actual day of the hearing and not including any holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

City of Raleigh COMMUNITY SERVICES



Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute - Registration Now Underway for the Fall, 2006 Session

The Community Services Department, in partnership with Shaw University, launched its first Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute on March 2, 2006. We have worked hard to design a leadership-training event for you and your neighbors. We have aligned a 15 week series of thought-provoking workshops geared to sharpen your skills in community building. The Spring, 2006 first class has just graduated, so now is the time to start thinking about signing up for the Fall 2006 session, with classes scheduled to commence on August 31, 2006. For further information, please contact Charlene Willard at 831-6095, email her at charlene.willard@ci.raleigh.nc.us or visit us on the web at www.raleighnc.gov.



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.



Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants 2006

The Neighborhood Improvement Matching Grants Program awards grants up to \$5,000 to neighborhood-serving or neighborhood-based organizations and individuals to initiate projects designed to benefit your neighborhood. All recipient groups must be enrolled with our *Neighborhood Association Registry*. Projects can be physical or social in nature, but must emphasize neighborhood input and involvement and be able to demonstrate how the project will benefit the neighborhood. Let's do it! Call 831-6100 for details.



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 is currently underway for a September 7 start.** 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 the things about government you always wanted to know, but didn't know who to ask! Classes are either on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at various City locations. Only 25 students are accepted per session. For details, including brochure or application, contact 831-6100.

September: 'Neighborhoods Month'. September has been designated as Neighborhoods Month by the Raleigh City Council. In conjunction with this event, the Neighborhood Month Committee is working hard to devise an event to recognize this proclamation.

Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange: "Many Neighborhoods . . . One Raleigh!" The Neighborhood Exchange Citizens Committee in partnership with the City of Raleigh's Community Services Department will host the Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange. **This event will be held on September 8 and 9 at the Sheraton Hotel on Salisbury Street in downtown Raleigh.** Friday's keynote session will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Saturday's session beginning with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:30 am. Registration fees are \$15.00 if received by August 18 and \$25.00 after that date. Stay tuned for additional information!