



## POND-GROVER LOOP ROAD COMMITTEE

Record of Proceedings

City Hall Community Room – 16860 Main Street

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### I. Welcome to Group Members and Opening Comments

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich welcomed those members and other individuals in attendance for the site visit. He noted the group would be walking the length of the proposed roadway. The other business items on the Committee's agenda would be discussed at City Hall beginning at 8:00 p.m.

### II. Site Visit – Committee will walk the length of the current roadway/roadbed, beginning at its current terminus at Green Pines Drive – 6:30 p.m.

The Committee walked the property from 6:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m., and then returned to City Hall.

### III. Approval of Minutes from the March 21, 2016 Meeting

Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich reconvened the meeting at City Hall. He then requested a roll call of attendees, which was completed with the following results:

Pond-Grover Loop Road Committee Members present: Christy Pitney, Paul Pohlers, Debbie Sinden, Ed Marshall (Council Member Ward 2), Joe Garritano (Council Member Ward 8), Jim Baugus (Council Member Ward 3), and Mayor Bowlin.

Other City Officials present: Debra Smith McCutchen (Council Member Ward 5) and Dave Bertolino (Council Member Ward 5).

Staff Members present: City Administrator Ryan Thomas, Director of Public Works Rick Brown, Director of Planning and Parks Joe Vujnich, and Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Kathy Arnett.

A motion was then made by Council Member Marshall, seconded by Committee Member Pitney, to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was then held among the Committee Members regarding the following: the fact that public comments made were not credited to the individual making their statements; staff noted those comments were included in the minutes, but because speaker's cards were not completed, and therefore could not attribute them to an individual; and the reference to Council approval of a document, which was the Town Center adoption.

A voice vote was then taken on the minutes and, with a unanimous affirmative result, the motion was declared approved and the minutes passed.

#### IV. Election of a Chair and Discussion of Meeting Start Time by Committee Members

A motion was made by Committee Member Pitney to nominate Council Member Marshall as the Committee Chair. A motion was made by Committee Member Sinden to nominate Council Member Baugus as the Committee Chair. A vote was taken on each motion, by a show of hands. The vote for Council Member Marshall as Committee Chair garnered one (1) vote in support. The vote for Council Member Baugus as Committee Chair garnered five (5) votes in support. Council Member Baugus was declared the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee Members all agreed that 7:00 p.m. was still an agreeable time to start the meetings, so no change was made to this item.

#### V. Discussion of Topics and Consideration of Information by the Committee

##### a. Introduction to Functional Street Classification System

Director of Public Works Brown provided an explanation of the functional street classification system and the varying types of roadways. He noted that local streets have low mobility and high access, with direct driveway access. They manage a lower volume of trips and their right-of-way widths are generally between thirty-four (34) to fifty (50) feet. An example of a local street would be those roads within the Hickory Manor Subdivision. These roadways are within a fifty (50) foot right-of-way, which also contains sidewalks, the tree lawn areas, etc.

Collector streets are medium duty streets, with longer trip lengths and higher volumes and speeds (than local streets). Collector right-of-ways general measure between sixty (60) feet, like Manchester Road, up to eighty (80) feet. The Pond-Grover Loop Road and Taylor Road are both seventy (70) foot right-of-ways.

Arterial streets emphasize mobility and moving traffic regionally. These streets include State Routes 109 and 100.

##### b. Review of Other Street Extension Projects within the City

Director of Planning Vujnich reviewed the map and descriptions of stub streets that have been made into new developments. A map was provided with projects sorted by land use classifications. The map reflects five (5) connections in the Non-Urban Residential Area, four (4) connections in the Sub-Urban Residential Area, and three (3) connections in the Town Center Area. There are only two (2) exceptions in the City's history, where a stub street was not extended, those locations are the original Wynncrest Subdivision and now Birch Forest Drive into the Villages at Bright Leaf Subdivision.

Discussion was then held among the Committee Members regarding the following: the closing of Turnberry Place Drive by a previous City Council; the staff's lack of support for the closing of Turnberry Place Drive; the timing of the closing of Turnberry Place Drive, prior to the improvements to Clayton and Strecker Roads; the number of links made within Ward 8 (five (5) of the twelve (12)

stub street connections shown on the map) and that those links have been integral in the daily lives of residents in that area; the lack of complaints from residents on the completion of those connections; the number of subdivisions, especially within the Monarch Fire Protection District jurisdiction, where an access roadway has been required for a secondary ingress/egress to new subdivisions, such as Will's Trace, Wildhorse, and Shepard Oaks; and the maintenance of the emergency access being borne by the Homeowners Association of that particular subdivision.

c. Review of Frequent Comments during Villages at Bright Leaf Discussion

Director of Planning Vujnich noted this information was provided, as best as reasonably possible to provide answers or clarifications on comments frequently made during that rezoning process.

Discussion was then held among the Committee Members regarding the following: the opinion that the document was one-sided; the Fire Department's statement they would serve residents in the area, regardless of if the road was extended, but the document says the road was necessary; the example of Will's Trace, where the City was not requiring an additional access point, but the Fire Marshal would not issue permits without it; the question of how close the road would be to homes; and the locations of green space in this vicinity.

Chair Baugus requested that, if Committee Members have comments on this document, to send them to Department of Planning staff. Staff would compile, respond, and send the information back out to all Committee Members. Mayor Bowlin requested a map showing green space locations be provided at the next meeting.

d. Update on Traffic Analysis by City of Wildwood/Lochmueller Group

Director of Public Works Brown noted the consultant was making progress on the study and its final report would be available for the next meeting, in approximately two (2) weeks. He also mentioned the traffic counts were completed, with nine (9) counters in the field, on a day with good weather, and included a license plate analysis.

Discussion was then held among the Committee Members regarding the following: the locations and times of the samplings; the request for a representative from Lochmueller Group to be at the next meeting; and the determination the next meeting would be dedicated entirely to the traffic study discussion.

e. Comments and Questions from Committee Members

VI. Public Comments

Valentin Militchin, 16931 Sandalwood Creek Drive, noted he is an engineer and he does not trust the traffic study, which the City has commissioned.

Debra Smith McCutchen, 16548 Birch Forest Drive, noted she has spoken with the Superintendent of Rockwood School District and he noted the district does not generally get involved in road issues. She

requested a list of where roads were not extended, such as Niere Acres Drive, Wildwood Trail, and Old Grover Estates.

Susan Treiber, 15912 Sandalwood Creek Drive, noted that it was her belief that a representative from Kingstowne Estates Subdivision and the Ward 5 Council Members should be appointed to this Committee. She also questioned if sound walls were going to be installed, since the road will be close to homes.

John Gragnani, 1510 Scofield Valley, noted the City was incorporated because of a road issue and he believes it is important the City listens to the people affected.

Mark Acree, 16630 Evergreen Forest, noted that it was his belief that a representative from his neighborhood should have been included on the Committee. He also requested information on the City's requirements for blasting.

Betsy Vanderheyden, 16560 Birch Forest Drive, supported the dedication of public space and believes a way to incorporate a trail and public space within the Pond-Grover Loop right-of-way, instead of the road, should be considered.

Shirley Roberts, 16016 Sandalwood Creek Drive, questioned how far the roadway would be from her home.

Jane Simpson, 16000 Sandalwood Creek Drive, noted her front door is close to a road and now she'd be getting a road close to her back door as well.

VII. Next Meeting Date of the Committee – Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Council Member Garritano requested the new Fire Marshal be invited to the next meeting and that staff contact the Rockwood School District to verify the distribution of students from the Villages at Bright Leaf Subdivision is the same as their letter dated November 19, 2015. The Director of Purchasing and Transportation from Rockwood School District should be invited to attend the meeting, as well.

Mayor Bowlin noted he wants to facilitate an objective process and, therefore, did not want to chair this Committee, since he also chairs the City Council, which will make the final decision on this matter. He also noted he would only vote in the event of a tie.

A motion was made by Council Member Marshall, seconded by Committee Member Pohlars, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, whereupon Chair Baugus declared the motion approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.