Winston-Salem / Forsyth County Tree Ordinance Committee Meeting Summary

March 21, 2007
City Hall South, Winston-Salem, NC

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Attendance
Glenn Cobb  Winston-Salem Regional Association of Realtors
Melynda Dunigan  Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance
Fred Holbrook  Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Inspections Division
Glynis Jordan  City-County Planning Board
Evie Katsoudas  Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce
Paul McGill  McGill Realty
James Mitchell  City of Winston-Salem, Vegetation Management
Jamie Moore  Community Appearance Commission
Elizabeth O'Meara  Sierra Club
Bob Ragland  Forsyth County Environmental Affairs
Keith Roger  Keith Rogers Homes
Linda Schwan  City-County Planning Board

Alternates
Nancy Gould  Winston-Salem Homebuilders Association
Kaila Hires  Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance
Robert Vorsteg  Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance

Others
Elen Knot  MGV / Treasure Tree
Malcolm Brown

Meeting Agenda
1. Agenda review; approval of meeting summary, information sharing
2. Identify a site for plan review and visitation
3. Review and generate additional options under Objective #2.
4. Generate Options under Objective #3
5. Next steps and agenda for next meeting

Handouts Provided
1. Winston-Salem / Forsyth County Tree Ordinance Committee Discussion Agenda, 2/15/07

Actions and Future Tasks
Tasks Remaining from previous meetings:
1. Report from Keith Huff on stormwater impact of existing ordinances

New Actions & Tasks
1. Generated options under Objective #2 – Conserve Trees to Prevent (Reduce) Loss or Depletion
2. Appointed a subcommittee to arrange a field visit for the purpose of evaluating specific alternatives for conserving trees, and evaluating how existing landscape and buffer yard ordinances affect tree conservation at that site.
I. **Introductions, Agenda Review, Information Sharing**

   A. The facilitator, Steve Smutko, welcomed the committee members and reviewed the day’s agenda.

   B. The committee approved the February, 14, 2007 meeting summary with the following change:

      1. Item I.C., change Marra Drive to Ramara Drive.

   C. A clarification was made with respect to the ANSI standards for tree maintenance. Where mention is made of ANSI z133.1, this should be changed to ANSI A300. The ANSI z133.1 standard pertains to safety standards.

II. **Identify a Site for Plan Review and Visitation**

   A. The committee discussed options for selecting a proposed development to visit and review. The two sites under discussion were the Romara Drive development and Beaucham Place. Nancy Gould, Keith Rogers, and Melynda Dunigan volunteered to organize site visits. Visits may be scheduled for either April 11 or May 2.

III. **Generate Options Under Objective #2: Conserve Trees to Prevent (Reduce) Loss or Depletion**

   A. The committee reviewed and discussed options under Objective 2. They generated additional options. These were added to the ‘Discussion Agenda’.

IV. **Review and generate additional options under Objective #3 – Establish and Maintain Age and Species Diversity**

   A. The committee reviewed and briefly discussed options under Objective 3.

V. **Next Steps**

   A. The committee identified the following dates for future tree committee meetings:

      - April 11
      - May 2
      - June 13

   All meetings will be at the regular time, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.