

# Northeast Citizens Advisory Council

## July 2017 Newsletter

Marsh Creek Park, 3050 New Hope Road  
(919) 996-4920



"The Northeast CAC district serves the area that is east of Capital Boulevard to New Bern Avenue and north of Interstate 440 to 540 following the eastern edge of city limits."

### NECAC Officers

#### **Chairperson**

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#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson**

(Vacant)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson**

(Vacant)

#### **Secretary**

Charles Good

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#### **Social Media Coordinator**

(Vacant)

### NECAC Participation:

#### **Biking and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**

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#### **Summer Program Committee**

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### **Agenda**

**July 13, 2017**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Previous Meeting Minutes Approval**
- 3. City of Raleigh Departments**
  - Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
  - Police/Public Safety
- 4. Special Raleigh Police Department Presentation and Discussion**

- Presentation on Body Cameras  
(Community members are encouraged to attend and offer input)
- 5. Civic City Campus Update: COR Planner Beth Nooe**

*\*Architect background: Lillian Thompson*
- 6. NECAC Business - Update**
  - Annual year planning
  - NE community interests
  - Upcoming community events
- 7. New Business - Outreach**
  - Vice-Chair Nominations from floor
  - Vote on Tatjana Gibson for social media coordinator
- 8. Adjourn**

**Next CAC meeting is Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*NO AUGUST MEETING**

### Council Representative

#### **Councilmember**

##### **District B**

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#### **Councilmember**

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#### City of Raleigh Staff

#### **Community Engagement**

#### **Community Specialist/ City Liaison**

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## Important information

### Enhanced Drainage Assistance Program

The City of Raleigh's Stormwater Management Division has experienced many successes over the last year following its first stormwater utility fee increase in July 2016. Among the benefits to come is an enhanced Drainage Assistance Program, which addresses drainage concerns on private property. A recent policy change also eliminated the cost-share portion of the program, making it more affordable for Raleigh residents. To learn more, visit [raleighnc.gov](http://raleighnc.gov) and enter the search term "Drainage Assistance Program".

### Save the dates!

### Neighborhood Recognition Awards! (Nomination Forms available on information table)

Since 1977, the Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC) has been recognizing significant efforts by property owners, community groups and individuals to enhance the health, safety, and appearance of their neighborhoods. Annually, the RCAC asks each individual CAC to select one award winner to be honored. The awards are designed to acknowledge those unsung heroes who work without thought of praise to make our communities better at the grassroots level. And in so doing, elevate the quality of our lives and that of our city. This year's recognition ceremony will occur on **Wednesday, October 18, 2017.**

### Mark your calendar: Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange- September 16<sup>th</sup>, McKimmon Center.

Details and registration will be available this summer. Talk to your Community Specialist, Pam Adderley for more details (919) 996-5716; [pam.adderley@raleighnc.gov](mailto:pam.adderley@raleighnc.gov) .

To: Northeast Citizens Advisory Council  
From: Charles Good  
Ref: June 8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting Minutes

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The following transpired at the June 8<sup>th</sup> NECAC meeting at Marsh Creek Community Center.

### **City of Raleigh Reports:**

- **Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources** – Heather O'Brien provided the following information:
  - Don't forget the **Marsh Creek' fitness/weight room** is open to the public for only \$10 per month and there are no annual dues or contracts. A pay as you use/go opportunity for those who would like to try using the facilities. The fitness/weight room is open during normal operating hours:
    - 7:00 am - 9:00 pm on weekdays
    - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Saturdays,
    - 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Sundays.
  - A 6-week **Meditation class** will begin on July 26 from 7-8 PM. Must be 18 years of age and up. \$20 course fee. For more information, see flyer...  
<http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/ParksRec/Documents/Parks/MarshCreek/MarMeditation.pdf>
  - An **Active Adult Line Dance** course will begin on Saturday, September 3 and will be held every Saturday until December 17. Course is available to those 50 years old and up. Course fee is \$5. For more information, see flyer...  
<http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/ParksRec/Documents/Parks/MarshCreek/MarActiveAdultLineDance.pdf>

- Various rooms at the community center are available for rent. See the information at the front desk or go online...  
<http://www.raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Parks/MarshCreek.html>

Room	Participant Capacity	Price/Hour
Art Room	38	\$35
Classroom	45	\$60
Multipurpose Rooms A & B	119	\$70
Computer Lab	34	\$35
Warming Kitchen	NA	\$20
Gymnasium	467	\$80
Lower Deck (covered)	95	\$30

- **Police Department/Public Safety** – Senior Officer R.E (Robert) Mark provided the following information:

- Remember to: Lock your car, Take your keys, and Hide your belongings.
- The two most common reasons people call the non-emergency (front desk) number is to report car break-ins and fraud. Officer Mark encouraged everyone to help their more senior neighbors; especially those easily confused who might be more incline to believe a phone scam. Many of these scammers use burn phones that go dead immediately after they get someone’s credit card information.

One recent situation involved someone posing as an IRS agent, threatening imprisonment, and requiring the senior citizen to go buy a number of iTunes prepaid cards, then call him back and provide the numbers off the iTunes cards. Spread the word so more people realize when something is just does not make sense.

- The next Coffee-With-A-Cop event will be in July. Check NextDoor social media for date, time and location.

- **Community Engagement** – We discussed the Community Engagement Task Force report and recommendation to the Raleigh City Council. Lillian Thompson and David Cox led this discussion.

Back in September, the Raleigh City Council established a Citizen Engagement Task Force to help determine the best structure for citizen engagement and receiving citizen feedback. You can read more about this task force and their values by visiting the following web site...

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/home/news/content/CorNews/Articles/CitizenEngagementTaskForce.html>

The 5-month study was concluded with a 7-page report and recommendation. Everyone is encouraged to read this report, which is online...

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/CorNews/Documents/CommEngagementTaskForceReportandRecommendation.pdf>

After reviewing the report, many CACs are concerned because the task force recommended disbanding the 19 CACs in Raleigh and replacing them with 12 Citizen Engagement Councils (CECs). The CECs would meet quarterly, not monthly. The members of the CECs would be appointed (not elected by their neighbors) and the CECs would no longer vote on rezoning cases.

On May 2, our Mayor proposed the City Council accept the report and its recommendation. The vote passed (5 members for it; 3 against). At the first Tuesday meeting of the City Council in June, the room was full of people wanting to discuss and repeal the task force recommendation. Some of the participants had yellow flash cards reading, "I Support the CACs." Based on the number of concerned citizens, our Mayor agreed to delay implementation of the task force recommendation so that some experts can be hired to take a second look.

If you would like express your opinion about the CACs or the report's recommendation. David Cox recommended two methods:

1. Submit a petition to speak at the next City Council meeting (limited to 3 minutes per person). The form must be received by the City Clerk by 12 p.m. on Tuesday two weeks preceding the scheduled Council meeting. The petition form is online...  
<http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/BoardsCommissions/Documents/CityCouncil/PetitionCityCouncil.pdf>
  2. Provide direct email communication to the entire City Council at [citycouncilmembers@raleighnc.gov](mailto:citycouncilmembers@raleighnc.gov)
- **Code Enforcement** – Fabian Rodriguez provided the following information:
    - For the month of May, Code Enforcement opened 31 new cases (22 of which were complaints and resulted in 15 nuisance violations that had to be corrected within 10 days of notification).
    - Fabian distributed copies of the booklet, "Talking Trash – Your Guide To The City of Raleigh's Solid Waste Services." This publication is also online...  
<https://www.raleighnc.gov/content/SolidWaste/Documents/TalkingTrash2016WebCopy.pdf>
    - Fabian provided a tri-fold pamphlets entitled, "Maintaining a Healthy Home" (a set of handy checklists).

**2030 Comprehensive Plan Update** – The city is in the process of updating the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The plan is the key policy document intended to make the city workable, livable, and prosperous. The plan provides an integrated approach to Raleigh's physical development and related economic and social issues, with an emphasis on environmental, economic, and social sustainability and enhancing land use and transportation coordination. The plan integrates and coordinates the plans of many city departments.

Matthew Klem with the City of Raleigh provided a handout for a series of upcoming meetings. Residents are invited to attend one or all five public meetings to learn about how the Comprehensive Plan addresses five areas: resiliency, housing, development transitions, transportation and sustainability. The meeting dates are June 7, June 14, June 20, June 27 and July 11. For more information about locations and times, visit the following web page...  
<http://www.raleighnc.gov/business/content/PlanDev/Articles/LongRange/ComprehensivePlanUpdate.html>

To browse or download a copy of the existing 2030 Comprehensive Plan, visit the following web page...  
<http://www.raleighnc.gov/business/content/PlanDev/Articles/LongRange/2030ComprehensivePlan.html>

- [placeholder for info on 100 events in 100 days... send Matt email asking for URL or contact]

**Presentations:**

<b>Type:</b>	Sidewalk Improvement Program Petition
<b>Presenter:</b>	Donetta Powell, Assessment Specialist, City of Raleigh Engineering Services
<b>Case Number:</b>	2017-009
<b>Case URL:</b>	<a href="https://www.raleighnc.gov/content/PWksDesignConst/Documents/Petitions/OldCoachSidewalkPetition.pdf">https://www.raleighnc.gov/content/PWksDesignConst/Documents/Petitions/OldCoachSidewalkPetition.pdf</a>
<b>Location:</b>	Sidewalk improvement along Old Coach Road from Candle Court to Buffalo Road
<b>Description:</b>	This presentation was to make us aware that the petition is available and anyone wanting to sign the petition must do so before July 15, 2017.
<b>Comments:</b>	We hope for an update report at our July NECAC meeting.

<b>Type:</b>	Rezone property from Residential 4 (R-4) to R-10
<b>Presenter:</b>	George “Mac” MacIntyre, PE and Project Contact
<b>Case Number:</b>	Z-8-17
<b>Case URL:</b>	<a href="http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/PlanDev/Documents/Zoning/Rezoning/RezoningCases/2017/Z-008-17.pdf">http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/PlanDev/Documents/Zoning/Rezoning/RezoningCases/2017/Z-008-17.pdf</a>
<b>Location:</b>	6100 Fox Road and Malone Court in Raleigh
<b>Description:</b>	The proposed site is only 1.4 acres and block faces will be less than 660 feet. The proposed development will be townhomes that will closely match the density and heights of the town homes on the adjacent property. The proposed tract to be rezoned is in the City Growth Center. While the proposed rezoning might accommodate 14 new homes/units, the infrastructure (driveways) and garages would reduce this to 11 units. A traditional neighborhood meeting notice was sent to anyone living with 100 feet of the property. One person came to that meeting and they were OK with the proposed project.
<b>Comments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The developer/property owner is working with the HOA for the neighboring community on conditions such as leaving as much natural landscape as possible. A memorandum of understanding exists.</li> <li>• The anticipated price point for the proposed townhomes will be ~\$200K which is in line with surrounding townhomes that run between \$180K and \$210K (considered affordable housing, but not low income housing).</li> <li>• Some utilities must be added, but no blasting is anticipated or planned.</li> <li>• If the rezoning is not approved, then the property owner plans to build four or five 2,500 sq. foot homes, which will require driveways coming from each house to Malone Court (rather than a single drive for the townhome design) and the probable loss of the open space.</li> <li>• There was concern about sidewalks and David Cox took the action to investigate the options.</li> <li>• We voted on rezoning the property as R10-CU with no apartments. The vote was 17 for; 1 opposed.</li> </ul>

**NOTE: During the discussion of the rezoning case, several points were emphasized to neighbors about CACs:**

1. The vote on rezoning is not binding to the neighbors. Merely a recommendation from the CAC to City Planning.
2. The City Council makes the final decision on all rezoning cases and any resident can petition the City Council to speak at a regularly scheduled public meeting and voice his or her concerns.
3. Any memorandum of understanding between the HOA for the neighboring community and the property owner and/or developer is not altered by a CAC vote.

## NECAC Business:

- **Raleigh Neighborhood Recognition Awards Nomination** – Since 1977, the Raleigh Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC) has been recognizing significant efforts by property owners, community groups and individuals to enhance the health, safety, and appearance of their neighborhoods. Annually, the RCAC asks each individual CAC to select one award winner to be honored. The awards are designed to acknowledge those unsung heroes who work without thought of praise to make our communities better at the grassroots level. And in so doing, elevate the quality of our lives and that of our city.

Last year, we nominated our Raleigh Policy Department representative for the years he has provided helpful information and insights to the NECAC.

Once again it is time to consider others in our community that deserve this special recognition. Nomination forms must be submitted by Wednesday, September 20th, 2017. We agreed to defer this topic until our July meeting. Everyone is encouraged to think of someone to nominate.

If you would like to review the nomination form, it is online...

<https://www.raleighnc.gov/content/CommServices/Documents/NeighborhoodRecognitionAwardsNominationForm.pdf>

- **NECAC Leadership Announcements** – Lillian Thompson requested nominations from the floor for the NECAC Chair position. WRenia Bratts-Brown was nominated at a previous meeting. She shared her background and qualifications. The group voted her in unanimously.
- Also during the meeting, Lillian Thompson tendered her resignation as NECAC Chairperson. Lillian sought to resign earlier this year, but did not want to leave until a new chair was elected. We want to thank Lillian for her leadership, enthusiasm and level of engagement in both the NECAC and Raleigh CAC.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairs and Media Coordinator positions were discussed, Nominations from the floor were requested, and Taljana Gibson volunteered for the Social Media Coordinator position. Taljana provided her background and qualifications and there were no concerns or objections.

We will continue to seek nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair so we have an effective succession plan for the future.

- The previous NECAC meeting minutes were approved (no corrections or additions).

– End of Report –