



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2020
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a remote special meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2020 in Assembly Hall at Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 13 attendees, including 5 staff, and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor John Strickland, called the Council special meeting to order.

2. Discuss Library Needs Assessment.

Mayor Strickland explained that today's meeting is to discuss potential locations for a new library and options for the current location. Natalie Hawkins, Assistant Village Manager, stated this is a big decision that will impact the community for a long time and her role is to facilitate the discussion and give Council the best evaluation tools to make those decisions. Ms. Hawkins explained at the last meeting, on December 1st, Council agreed to individually evaluate the various potential locations.

Ms. Hawkins reviewed the GIS maps of each of the sites Council evaluated, which were the existing library location, a site near Village Hall, a site near the Community Center, and the Historic Fire Station. Councilmember Drum excused himself from the meeting. Ms. Hawkins noted that Councilmember Hogeman also suggested a fifth site which is a lot the Village currently owns on Rattlesnake Trail, beside the Greens. The group compared the size of the Rattlesnake Trail lot to the lot the police station sits on for reference. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, stated that he measured the police department lot on GIS and it's approximately 1.2 acres, which is 11,000 sq. ft. bigger than the Village's lot on Rattlesnake Trail.

Councilmember Hogeman asked if the 10,000 to 12,000 square foot recommended building size included space for the archives. Ms. Hawkins stated it does not, all assumptions are based on library operations only at this time. Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the current location of the Given Memorial Library. Ms. Hawkins explained that one option for remaining at the current location would be to complete a small expansion now and then as we grow in 10 to 15 years we could move the library or archives out if additional space was needed. Councilmember Hogeman stated this option gives us an opportunity to do something on a smaller scale and still have the ability to enlarge it later on, however, on the other hand the displacement of the current library is a disadvantage.

Council reviewed the option to locate a library near Village Hall on the lot beside the police station, which the Village already owns. Councilmember Hogeman suggested the Rattlesnake Trail lot verses the lot beside the police station. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she thinks there is a lot of foot traffic on Magnolia Road because of the Arboretum and doesn't see much foot traffic on Rattlesnake Trail, as there are no sidewalks. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she is concerned that the topography of the lot beside the police station would increase the cost of construction, however, the topography could make for interesting options in the back yard. Mayor

Strickland noted there is more opportunity in the Village Hall area than he had seen before. Councilmember Boesch noted having a library in this area could help create a government center where many of our government operations are located.

Council agreed to skip discussion the location near the Community Center, as the consensus was that is not a viable option for a location. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated the Historic Fire House location is a great repurpose for a historic building. She also noted another great advantage would be that it will set the tone for renovations in that area with the Manor and Brewery renovations as well. Mayor Strickland stated he couldn't think of a better use of that building to build the connecting spine of Village Place. Councilmember Boesch asked if we could get a 10,000 to 12,000 square foot building on that lot. Ms. Hawkins stated that the consultant said the parcel could hold a maximum building of 13,000 square feet. The parking would have to go on a separate parcel behind the building.

Council discussed the .9 acre lot on Rattlesnake Trail owned by the Village. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated this is her least favorite location. Mr. Sanborn explained that the Historic Fire House property combined with the lot behind it is still less than .9 acres of the Rattlesnake Trail lot. Council agreed to leave this lot as an option to evaluate moving forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she would like to start evaluating staying at the current location and running the archives. Mayor Pro Tem Davis suggested looking at building sizes and cost next. Council agreed to schedule another special meeting in January to continue discussions. The special meeting will be confirmed and announced at a later date.

3. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the special meeting, by a vote of 4-0, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
Village Clerk

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement