

<h1>Friends for Summerfield</h1>		January 25, 2007	
		7:00 PM	
		7591 Cassidy Way	
Meeting called by:	Steve Adkins	Type of meeting:	Organizational
Facilitator:	Steve Adkins	Note taker:	Kim Jackson
Timekeeper:	None		
Attendees:	Steve and Deb Adkins, Jay Copeland, Jane Doggett, Linda Southard, Sue Beeson, Shelia Williams, Willie Laughlin, Troy Stanliff, Glen Claeys, Kim Jackson, Debbie and Adam Hoffman, Bill and Mary Jane Gordon, Jack Reid, Lori White, Jim Flynt, Alicia Flowers, Sandra Smith, Leon and Patti Stokes, Mike Stewart, Tom Valent.		
Please read:	N/A		
Please bring:	N/A		
<h2>Minutes</h2>			
Agenda item:	Opening Remarks	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:	Steve Adkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He stated that this was an exploratory meeting intended to gauge interest in the formation of a group of citizens who are pro Summerfield, and judging by the turnout and the number of regrets he received, there is definitely an interest. He also cited several reasons as being the catalyst for forming this group. Such reasons included abuse of FOIA requests, town staff resignations, opposition to Phase II of the Summerfield Park and baseball field issues.		
Conclusions:	The goal for this meeting was to establish a core leadership group, name a spokesperson for the group, set up a regular meeting time, collect names and a distribution email list, establish priorities, and to establish a code of conduct.		
Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ None		-	-
Agenda item:	Ground Rules	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:	Steve presented some preliminary ground rules and asked for comments and suggestions. Kim Jackson stated that she felt like the News and Record should not be excluded when it came to coverage/advertising for the group. Others (including Northwest Observer staff) agreed that the N&R readership would help us to reach more people. Steve said that he was researching 501c3 organizations and it might be necessary to become a formal organization of some type in the future.		
Conclusions:	Attendees were all in agreement that the group should focus on the positive and be open and honest with the media. It was decided to use both the NWO and the N&R as publicity vehicles.		
Action items		Person responsible	Deadline
✓ None		-	-

Agenda item:	Goals and Priorities	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:	<p>Steve presented a few ideas for issues to be supported by this group along with some issues that we find offensive and are detrimental to Summerfield. He asked for input/additions from the attendees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debbie Hoffman felt it was important to give positive alternatives to any negativity expressed at town council meetings. - Jane Doggett asked if we wanted to advocate for more parks after Phase II is complete. Jay Copeland stated that the piece of land being looked at for ball fields offered room for growth and this was a possibility for more park land. - - Debbie Hoffman asked if we should address the Town Core issue again. Jane said that the Comprehensive plan should take care of that. Jane did say that she felt the PUD issue should be pushed. Jim Flynt stated that PUD ordinances usually only applied to large tracts of land and there weren't that many left. He also stated that the greatest issue in the NW communities was sprawl and he felt that nothing was being done to address this. - Troy Stanliff wanted to see water brought back to the forefront. Sue Beeson stated that she felt that voter apathy was a huge issue. - Jane Doggett stated that she would like for us to ask the town council to address the issue of welcome signs again. - Leon Stokes asked if the purpose of this group was to speak with one voice and the attendees agreed. Leon also stated that he felt that mailings made a big difference. - Jay Copeland stated that it was inappropriate for town council members to allow personal feelings and agendas to interfere with council business. He did not like the way some town council members had addressed speakers in the past. 		
Conclusions:	<p>Ideas to be supported by this group included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * "Can Do" attitude * Order at Town Council meetings - Encourage Mayor to use gavel and be more assertive * Phase II of the park and beyond * Support of town council members who are doing what's "right" for Summerfield. * Town Staff * SRA, youth, ball fields * Fire Department * Revive discussions on Municipal Building and Substation * Comprehensive Plan, PUD, Town Core * Town Council - Let them know that we expect to see respect and common decency toward citizens and other TC members * Water * Appropriate Taxes * Voter Apathy <p>Offensive issues we would like to see addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * False obstacles to Phase II of the Park * Abuse of Town Council Members and harassment of citizens * Abuse of Town Staff * False obstacles to SRA, youth and ball fields * Blatant lies, manipulating facts, including inappropriate mailings * Insults/humiliating comments toward other TC members * TC members harassing audience members/ speakers and citizens * TC members not rebutting clearly false information during the meeting. 		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ None	-	-	

Agenda item:	Code of Conduct	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:	The group agreed that a code of conduct needed to be established for Town Council meetings. It was agreed that actions such as arms crossed or hand waving would not stop disruptive speakers and would only serve to further disrupt council meetings. Mike Stewart suggested that Mayor Brown could ask if there were any further speakers each month - speakers who might not have signed up. Mike also felt that we need to respond to everything negative said at council meetings.		
Conclusions:	Positive Speaker each month Rebuttal speaker signed up to address any negative issues or disruptive speakers Speaker asks who in the audience supports this position Positive reply to all negative remarks so that the positives are "on the record" as well as the negatives		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Introduce our group at the February 13 Town council meeting	Steve Adkins	-	
✓ Designate a speaker each month	-	-	

Agenda item:	Leadership Core/Group Name	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:	Several suggestions for potential names for the group were presented. It was important to the majority that the name presents a "positive" image to the community. The final vote was 13 in favor of "Friends for Summerfield".		
Conclusions:	The name of the new group will be " Friends for Summerfield ".		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ None	-	-	
Agenda item:	Spokesperson(s) for Group	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:	Steve suggested that we wait and elect a leader at a future meeting where more citizens might be in attendance. He volunteered to act as spokesperson for the group when one is needed.		
Conclusions:	Steve Adkins will serve as spokesperson of the new " Friends for Summerfield " group.		
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ Share enthusiasm about the new Friends for Summerfield Group throughout the community. Encourage friends and neighbors to be added to the mailing list and to attend our meetings.	All	-	

Agenda item:	Meeting Frequency and Location	Presenter:	Steve Adkins
Discussion:			
<p>Steve Adkins asked if anyone had suggestions for a place to meet in the future. Deb Adkins stated that the group was welcome at their home, however with 23 in attendance and the promise of growth in the future it is feared that we may soon outgrow the Adkins' home. The attendees present were polled as to the best nights of the week to meet. Everyone agreed that two meetings a month would be helpful to jump start the cause and could eventually taper down to once a month. It was suggested that we may need to go back to two meetings a month as election day approaches.</p>			
Conclusions:			
<p>Friends for Summerfield will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the home of Steve and Deb Adkins until further notice. The next 2 meetings will be held on February 6 and February 20.</p>			
Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ None	-	-	
<i>Other Information</i>			
Hot Topics:	Amphitheater (Suggestions for other "Hot Topics" are encouraged)		
Ideas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Letters to the editor from community members are important and need to be frequent * The town should hire a new planner and not depend on the County for this service * It is important not to allow false statements to go unchallenged * We would like to see the town council make comments on statements/accusations at the end of each meeting - "on the record". * The sound system needs to be improved * Employee retention - Why the staff turnover? * Explore the Mayor/Council form of government vs. the Manager/Council form of government * Mike Stewart suggested a Voter Registration/FFS booth at Founder's Day 		
Special notes:			

Jane Doggett will research and present information to the group on Mayor/Council form of government vs. the Manager/Council form of government at a future meeting.