

**MINUTES
FORSYTH COUNTY MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE
JANUARY 8, 2009
HOSTED BY WALKERTOWN MAYOR KENNETH R. DAVIS**

The Mayors' Roundtable of Forsyth County met on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Walkertown Library Auditorium, Walkertown, NC. Present at the meeting were:

Host Mayor Doc Davis - Walkertown
Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Hester - Walkertown
Mayor John Bost – Clemmons
Mayor Dan Pugh – Lewisville
Mayor Dawn Morgan - Kernersville
Mayor Larry Williams – Rural Hall
Councilman Dillard Burnette – King
Mayor Assistant Linda Barnes – Winston-Salem
Lynn McKinnie – Town Clerk of Walkertown

Mayor Doc Davis opened the meeting at about 11:00 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance to the Town of Walkertown. The representative of each town introduced him/herself, after which Mayor Davis explained that today's meeting would be conducted a little differently. He asked that the towns be prepared to informally discuss issues affecting their individual towns and surrounding communities.

Walkertown

Mayor Doc Davis announced that Walkertown is moving forward with the application for a PARTF grant for a small park to be located behind the town hall. The inclusion of a skateboard park, he said, is definitely not in the plan! Vandalism, according to several members of the group, is a big issue with parks and the suggestion was offered to budget accordingly for that problem.

Traffic speed and congestion was also discussed. A very tantalizing suggestion was to rescind an ordinance concurring between the state and town, if the town has one, which would result in an automatic speed reduction to 35 mph.

Kernersville

Mayor Dawn Morgan spoke on the Kernersville economy and the various business closings. Varco, for instance, is closing half its operations – but it would be the manufacturing part only. The manufacturing sales support would remain open. Thus, if sales go back up, they could re-open the actual manufacturing part of the plant. Roadway, she said, will have approximately 210 jobs moving out – with most going to Charlotte. The Triad Business Park is continuing on with its plans. FedEx Ground will start construction in the Spring. The hospital on Macy Grove Road is still on track and plans to open to the public in 2010.

Lewisville

Mayor Dan Pugh stated they were getting ready to start construction on a new town hall on Shallowford Road at Lucy Lane. He estimated they have saved 25% to 30% in construction costs due to the current economy. The new town hall will be about 15,000 square feet in space. A retention area will be located underground and the building will encompass three stories.

He spoke on the Gateway Project, another undertaking, and said it will include a couple of roundabouts. ETJ is not going too well, he said, but they haven't given up on it. They are looking at other things, such as land use issues.

Clemmons

Mayor John Bost spoke very briefly saying transportation problems remain one of their biggest issues – especially with Lewisville-Clemmons Road. The hospital talks are ongoing.

King

Councilman Dillard Burnette stated that not a whole lot is going on in King. He mentioned the new Forsyth Satellite campus. They're re-doing the water plant and the bridge project is supposedly due to start this year. They're in good shape financially. They have a new Chief of Police.

Rural Hall

Mayor Larry Williams stated that not a whole lot is going on in his town either – other than their sidewalk construction project.

Winston-Salem

Mayor Assistant Linda Barnes happily announced that Mayor Joines has decided to stay on as mayor of Winston-Salem – work goes on! She said they need to bring more jobs into Winston-Salem. The baseball stadium is coming along. It is supposed to be finished in April or perhaps June. They do have a lot of projects going on. They are getting ready to advertise for boards and commissions. Their Planning Board has a vacancy but some of the other boards such as the TDA do not. There is still a freeze on their hiring. The homeless issue is growing worse due to the economy. Ms. Barnes stated that the new police chief is great and doing wonderfully.

Mayor Davis thanked everyone for attending. Discussion ensued on the next meeting and a tentative meeting schedule was concluded:

April 9, 2009	Clemmons (Hopefully Sheriff Schatzman will be guest speaker.)
July 9, 2009	Winston-Salem (Possibly tour the new ball park!)
October 8, 2009	Lewisville
January, 2010	Rural Hall

Remember – this is only a tentative schedule and could change!

Meeting adjourned @ approximately 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McKinnie, CMC
Town Clerk – Town of Walkertown