

**SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL
THURSDAY - JULY 15, 2010**

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order AT 6:15 P.M. All council members, staff and mayor were present.

1. THE ARTS COUNCIL OF WINSTON-SALEM DONATION REQUEST OF \$2,500
 - Request of \$2,500 was unanimously rejected.
 - Council was unanimous in its decision to donate \$1,000 to The Arts Council.

2. NC-DOT PLANS FOR TURN LANE ON MAIN STREET AT HARLEY DRIVE

NC-DOT has no problems with turn lane on Main St. Crew's house has not as yet been designated as an "historical" house – even though it is an historical site, it is not yet on National Historic Registry.

- It was the consensus of the Council to pursue left turn lane off Main Street on to Harley Drive.
 1. If we have to pay – okay.
 2. If state would pay – okay.
 3. If federal would have to pay – no – because the Crews house is an historical house, even if it has not been designated on the NHR.
 4. Can get room across road to widen road for left turn.
- Check on any available funds for this.
- Check on extending sidewalk down past the WAHS house and connect with Ms. Ayers' sidewalk.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT - AVAILABLE GRANTS FOR CONTROLLING TRAFFIC SIGNALS

- MAIN ST. AND NC-66
- DARROW RD. AND NC-66
- HWY-158 AND NC-66
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Emergency vehicles would have the availability of having a "remote system" to change traffic signals as their vehicles go through traffic lights. It would stop traffic and help the emergency vehicle make their way through the traffic and the signals.

- There is a possibility that highway grant money can fund this project.

- Would be a good idea to work with other municipalities to ensure compatibility.
- Research prospect of pedestrian crosswalk on NC-66 at Rite Aid and Hardees.

Consensus of council was to move forward with research on this project and to find out if funds would be available.

4. SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are moving forward very quickly.

After Darrow Road project, next on list to do are:

1. Half of Friendly Road – between Morris and where it currently ends.
2. Martin Street to NC-66 and cross NC-66 to end of Martin.
3. Annie
4. Avalee

Other discussion:

- Need a pedestrian crosswalk on NC-66 at Rite Aid and Hardees.
- Check on sidewalk connectivity at Gospel Light down Walkertown-Guthrie Road to Darrow Road.
- Consider also the following:
 1. From Stoltz and connect up to Harley Drive;
 2. Winthrop and Willoughby (better to go Sullivantown Extended and meet up at 311 with Harley to Morris.)
 3. Connect New St. to Main St.

5. DISCUSS RESTRICTING PARKING ALONG MAIN STREET

- ORDINANCE NEEDED TO PUT “NO PARKING” SIGNS
- PENALTY/FINE FOR ORDINANCE

In order to enforce no parking along right-of-way, Walkertown will need to pass an ordinance restricting such. No parking would affect mostly along Main Street from Depot to Sullivantown.

- Issues with trucks parking along side of road – hinders sight for traffic.
- Put “NO PARKING” signs along railroad property.
- Customer parking at businesses in this area blocks pedestrian traffic as well as car traffic on Sullivantown.
- Huge safety issue.

An ordinance can be for a specific area and signage will probably take care of this issue.

Consensus of council was that council would figure out where to restrict parking but to initiate and pursue an ordinance restricting parking.

“NO LEFT TURN” from Ruxton Drive on to Main Street was discussed with:
Consensus of council was to look into this issue.

5. FESTIVAL UPDATE

Festival update included:

- Need more crafts vendors;
- Need more vendors in all areas;
- No privilege license fee will be charged;
- For vendors requiring electricity in more than one space, vendor will pay \$100 for first booth, and \$75 thereafter for additional consecutive booths – as long as it is the one vendor.
- Randy Mendenhall will work on getting games, face painting, etc., for children – to be put at the Boles' rent house on Sullivantown Extended. Leave the entrance/exit in the back to the Mill open;
- Barber shop can used Sullivantown Extended as entrance.

6. OTHER

- Ms. Leight updated council on COG merger saying most are “for” the merger – it’s just coming down to voting structure. There will be another meeting in two weeks to discuss fees and structure.
- Ms. Leight said most residents are very much against the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Kerwin Circle – which does not affect Walkertown as it is not in our jurisdiction.
- Booe house got zoning and driveway permits but other issues came up concerning the upstairs portion – ADA issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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