

**Kupfrian Park PACE-EH Project
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2006**

Mary Beverly, facilitator from the Department of Health opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. by giving a brief overview of the Kupfrian Park PACE-EH Project and the list of issues noted by residents in the preliminary survey. The issues, ranked in order of importance are as follows:

1. Overflowing septic tanks.
2. Standing water.
3. No sidewalks.
4. Poor lighting.
5. Overgrown lots.
6. Depreciation of property
7. Stray dogs.

Ms. Beverly advised everyone that she had prepared a Power Point presentation regarding the issues identified in previous meetings, but due to equipment problems, it would have to be presented at a future meeting.

Seventeen attendees were noted on the roster with new Kupfrian Park attendees welcomed. Ms. Beverly again stressed the willingness of the Health Department to help, but the only way this project would be successful, was by participation of the residents in the Kupfrian Park area.

Ms. Beverly reported that more survey forms had been received but noted that only 26 of a possible 75 residents had responded. It was also noted that more survey forms are needed to really assess the needs of the community. Residents of the area again expressed a willingness to keep trying to gather survey results from their neighbors. Ms. Beverly suggested that the media be contacted to educate and solicit more involvement from the Kupfrian Park community. All attendees were in agreement with this suggestion.

Ms. Beverly introduced the following individuals and informed the attendees of their rolls in our community:

John Seymour – ECUA
Clara Long – Community Redevelopment
Joy Blackmon – County Engineering
Randy Wilkerson – Neighborhood Enterprise Foundation-(not present)

Several attendees voiced concerns regarding such issues as sidewalks, speed bumps for traffic control, lighting in the neighborhood and a cover for the bus stop. Ms. Blackmon, County Engineering addressed these concerns by stating that money has already been set aside for planning in these areas. She also stated that it is more cost effective to address all these issues at one time during the planning stages and that a “draft” could possibly be presented at the next meeting. The actual cost of construction would have to be addressed at a later time and resources explored. Ms. Beverly stated that she would try to line up a

meeting with county officials and the Department of Transportation regarding the retention pond and flooding issues.

Mr. Robert Merritt, Environmental Health Director, addressed concerns regarding septic to sewer connections and explained the homeowners' financial responsibility. He also stated that financial help is available to those that qualify and suggested that we explore ways to pre-qualify residents to eliminate the fear of financial burden that some residents may be experiencing.

Ms. Rosa Stallworth, Kupfrian Park Team Member, advised the group that some residents were hesitant about joining the group because they had been approached by Baptist Hospital looking to purchase their property. Ms. Beverly stated that she was not aware of any plans for Baptist Hospital to purchase additional property. She will research the issue and invite a representative from the hospital to the next meeting.

Ms. Christine Harris-Lewis, a Kupfrian Park resident, informed attendees that more help is needed from the residents of the area and suggested a team be formed. Several volunteers responded and they are noted below:

Rosa Stallworth
Sylvester Nickerson
Mary Beverly

Christine Harris-Lewis
Andrew English
Cindy Lounsberry

With the next meeting scheduled for November 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Lounsberry
Meeting Historian

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