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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

by J.P. McIntyre

It's been a busy fall for Lindley Park.

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Zoning Change Request on Spring Garden – A zoning change request has been withdrawn for the property at Spring Garden Street between Willowbrook and Park Terrace. The proposal was to build three brick apartment buildings on the site. “This is poor timing for our neighborhood,” said Stacey Ryan. “The neighborhood plan workshop for the Spring Garden/Oakland Avenue corridor is not until mid-December, and the short process for the rezoning request makes it difficult to get the neighborhood together to form a position.” South Eastern Foundry opposed the development project because of the proximity to heavy industry. City Council also had concerns regarding the project. LPNA requested numerous conditions for the project to move forward including no automobile access on Spring Garden Street. In the end, the developer withdrew the proposal. “We look forward to completing the neighborhood plan this winter,” stated Ken Snowden, “We will be prepared to manage development requests.”

Walker Avenue – The Greensboro Department of Transportation (GDOT) met with Lindley Park residents on October 20th to discuss possible safety changes to the Walker Avenue traffic pattern. The meeting was attended by over 50 Lindley Park residents and numerous suggestions were made. GDOT will present a proposal to the neighborhood in January for our approval.

Neighborhood Plan – The Planning Committee held a planning workshop (charrette) on December 16-18th for the Spring Garden/Oakland Avenue corridor. The open meetings brought together the proposals from residents, small businesses, industry, and local stakeholders. “The outcome of the charrette will include recommendations for any changes to public infrastructure in the area (streets, sidewalks, public open spaces, and public landscaping), as well as suggested guidelines for building placement and building types,” stated Dan Curran from City staff. “Sketches will be prepared showing how these development patterns could actually look to help participants visualize the possibilities.” The charrette was sponsored by the City of Greensboro. LPNA submitted a grant request to Building Stronger Neighborhoods. The neighborhood plan is scheduled to be completed this winter.

Air Monitoring – The environmental committee has been very active and has begun working with area industry to develop an air-monitoring program.

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A WEE LITTLE WEDDING

by Doris Pruitt

On Halloween morning, 2003, at 11:00 there was a wee little wedding down in the park at the corner of South Lindell and Walker. It was a beautiful fall day even though the leaves had not turned their best colors. The main concern was that four big mowers might come rumbolling in since the park had not been mowed in several weeks — but they did not, just a few horns blowing.

The groom wore his kilt and played his bagpipes down the front walk of his childhood home, with his bride by his side in a long winter-white skirt and Scottish sweater and carrying a bright bouquet of fall flowers and ribbons. Meanwhile his parents and the minister were carrying bright yellow mums and pumpkins from the side porch down the Walker Avenue sidewalk. They all met at the little stone bridge in the park, placed the flowers and pumpkins, and Robert Ennis Pruitt and Amy Jo Stephens were united in holy matrimony.

The groom is son of Ennis and Doris Pruitt of 501 S. Lindell Road, currently living in Deltona, Florida. Amy is a native of Orlando.

Guests were the groom's two uncles and their beloveds, and they also helped carry mums and did the picture taking. Having already had

the traditional first weddings, this one was to be different . . . and it was! Everyone went to Stamey's Barbeque for lunch, the groom's #1 place to eat when he comes home every October, and came back home for the groom's cake: Halloween cupcakes. Amy's family was planning a reception on their return to Florida.

Here at home you would know the groom as Bobby Pruitt but in Florida he is known as Ennis. He graduated from Smith High School in 1979, studied music at Western Carolina University and Belmont College in Nashville, then went to Orlando with his former roommate to do music there. He is mainly a Scottish musician; he and his Wyndbreakers play at the Highland Games all around Florida, but they are also at Sea World each week, and regularly play in Tampa, Dunedin and Melbourne. You may see them on the internet at www.Wyndbreakers.com and can order their Scottish CD's produced by Ennis's studio, Newtonville Sound. Ennis had met Amy fifteen years ago when they did country music together as Sagebrush during that Christmas season. Since then she has had her own band, Straight Deal, and does the Top 40 in the Orlando area.



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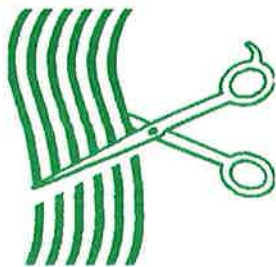
- ◆ **Breakfast with Santa.** A program for children of all ages. Monday, December 22, 2003, 7am-11am. Cost is \$3-5 and will include pancakes, bacon, juice and milk, and Santa.
- ◆ **Book Buddy Mondays.** A program for ages 15 and up and book club. We will pick a book off of the bestseller list and meet once every month to discuss. The program will start December 1st at 7pm.

- ◆ **Creative Movement.** A co-sponsored class between City Arts and Lindley Recreation Center on Wednesday mornings for ages 3 years old at 9:30-10:15am and 4 years old 10:30-11:45am. Cost will be \$30 per month.
- ◆ **Hip Hop Dance Classes.** Cost \$40.00 for residents and \$55.00 for non-residents; instructor Amanda Pope; ages 5-8 year olds at 6-7pm; 9-12 year olds at 7-8pm; 13 and older at 8-9pm. There will be a performance at the end of May and every participant will receive a certificate and a trophy. There will be an additional cost for performance costume.
- ◆ **Interpretative Dance Class.** Cost \$40.00 for residents and \$55.00 for non-residents; instructor Katrina

Lewis; ages 5-8 year olds at 5:30-6:30pm; 9-12 year olds at 6:30-7:30pm; 13 and older at 7:30-8:30pm. There will be a performance at the end of May and every participant will receive a certificate and a trophy. There will be an additional cost for performance costume.

- ◆ **Lindley Advisory Board.** Meets the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30pm. Have you ever wanted to voice your concerns and opinions about what goes on at Lindley Recreation Center, or do you just want to take an active role in your neighborhood and don't know how? This is an easy way. We will meet once a month and discuss issues and concerns about

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UPDATE!

by Mary H. Blake

Since the October Summit, we've been refining our bylaws, working on citywide neighborhood issues, and planning our strategic initiatives.

Bylaws are not thrilling to write about, and even less so to read about, so I won't tell you a lot about them, except to let you know that the Issues and Bylaws Committee has spent many hours working to craft a set of comprehensive rules and guidelines that will offer equal representation to all neighborhoods in Congress membership and voting rights. Because our Greensboro neighborhoods vary greatly in number of people, socio-economics, and geography, our bylaws structure follows those of our U.S. Congress. This has indeed been a challenge,

and the I&B Committee has come through like champs! Many thanks go to the I&B Committee Chair, Marsh Prause. Marsh lives in the Westerwood neighborhood, practices law, and we are grateful for his expertise and diligence in getting the bylaws down in writing. We're now in the process of reviewing and voting on each section.

The Issues and ByLaws Committee is also currently focusing attention on storm water retention ponds, working with City officials to create a more equitable solution for neighborhoods that have to maintain storm water retention ponds and pay taxes, but don't yet receive the level of services they should receive in return for those taxes. We expect good things to come of the I&B Committee's investigation and recommendations to the City.

Another issue keeping the I&B Committee busy is the neighborhood CIP (Capital Improvements Project) Program. Some of the past guidelines and procedures caused a lot of confusion and frustration to neighborhoods when they've applied for funds, so the I&B Committee reviewed each part of the program

and made detailed recommendations to Ed Kitchen, City Manager. I'm pleased to tell you that the CIP Program has been revamped, many of the Congress' recommendations have been incorporated into the new program, and the new guidelines, procedures, and applications are ready for neighborhoods. The City is holding orientation sessions for folks who want to know more about the program and how to apply for these funds.

The recent 33% rate increase in GTA fares certainly got our attention. Many of the people who use GTA to get to and from work already have a difficult time meeting the fares; this significant rate hike takes things from bad to much worse. The I&B Committee is investigating other public transportation rates in NC cities, comparing those to Greensboro rates, and will be making recommendations.

The Executive Committee has been focusing on short- and long-term strategic planning initiatives. We've set the schedule for our 2004 full Congress meetings — we'll be meeting once a month, on alternating second Thursday evenings *(continued on page 5)*

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from 9-11 and second Saturday mornings from 9-11, beginning with the second Saturday morning in January, the 10th. Meetings are scheduled to be held at the downtown library. Each committee will set their own meeting schedules and places.

We're in the process of reviewing entities that we'd like to consider "partners" for the Congress as we move forward. We'll continue to build our relationship with BSN (Building Stronger Neighborhoods) and the City, and I'll keep you informed on others as we make more decisions about those strategic moves.

Training and education (internal and external) will be a strong focus for us in both the short- and long-term. We'll be holding workshops and training sessions on a variety of subjects like "City Services 101," leadership training, presentation skills, constructive disagreements, fundraising, neighborhood safety, multi-cultural diversity, and many, many more.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

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Betsy Mullikin and Meg Sisk have also worked with city/county officials to coordinate reporting of complaints. Marilyn Braun has been a tremendous asset to the neighborhood and helped to bring air-sampling monitors to key locations in the neighborhood.

January Meeting – The next LPNA general meeting is scheduled for 7:00 on January 20th at the recreation center. The LPNA Executive

It's hard to believe that the Congress will soon celebrate a first birthday. It was only January of this year when neighborhood leaders got together at the library to talk about a neighborhood summit. The Congress evolved from that first meeting. We've accomplished much in 2003, and are looking forward to all that we can accomplish in the future.

Please join us for our next Congress meeting, and visit us at www.gnc-nc.org. If you'd like to talk with me about the Congress, and how you can become a member and make a difference, call me at 299-8686, or email me at blakemh@mindspring.com.

The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress, a citywide alliance of neighbors and neighborhoods, seeks to improve the quality of life within our neighborhoods and the City of Greensboro by addressing issues of citywide importance and empowering neighborhoods to resolve neighborhood-specific concerns.

Committee will present an annual report and we will elect new officers for 2004. If you would like to hold an office, please contact Matt Russ who is chairman of the Nominations Committee. "We look forward to having some new faces on the committee," stated Matt.

Other items on the agenda for the general meeting include an update of the neighborhood plan and a proposal for LPNA to file for non-profit status.

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WHAT'S YOUR STRATEGY?

by Chip Slaughter

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Stocks typically perform well in periods of mild inflation or slight deflation. Consider stocks with unique products or large market shares, since that typically means they can continue increasing prices. Companies providing services usually have more room to raise prices, while companies selling commodities or durable goods have less flexibility in raising prices.

Cash becomes more valuable with low inflation to mild deflation, since inflation won't erode its value. Bonds also gain favor. During inflationary times, your interest payments buy less each year. However, in deflationary times, your interest payments purchase more each year. When interest rates rise, however, the bond's value will decline. U.S. government bonds with long maturities tend to be favored in this environment, since they offer higher rates for a long time. You may want to consider Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS), whose returns adjust over time based on

inflation. Be careful when purchasing corporate bonds, since there is an increased risk of default during deflationary times.

Real estate tends to become less attractive during periods of low inflation or deflation. Since real estate is typically highly leveraged, selling real estate during these times may not yield a sufficient price to pay off all debt, especially if real estate prices go down over a period of time. You may want to wait before purchasing a second home or vacation property. Also, be careful of increasing your debt load through refinancings or home-equity loans. Debt becomes more difficult to pay during deflationary times, since the debt payments remain constant while income tends to decline.

Foreign investments could become more attractive, especially since the dollar is weakening against other currencies. Keep in mind, however, that international investments may not be suitable for all investors. In addition to the risks associated with domestic investing, foreign investing has unique risks, such as currency fluctuations; political, economic, and social changes; and greater share price volatility.

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ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

by Marilyn Braun

Several weeks ago, Greensboro Fire Chief Johnny Teeters and I were asked by Councilwoman Sandy Carmany to meet with the LPNA Executive Committee representatives and their ad-hoc environmental sub-committee. The purpose was to reactivate chemical air sampling programs with local industries and neighborhood residents.

In the late 80's, Greensboro Fire, local Environmental Health, and my office received calls from residents on Elam, Longview, Lindell and Scott Avenue requesting information on chemicals in the air and their risks specific to the area. We had inadequate equipment and plans and a non-existent air-sampling budget. The Fire Department and I invited local industries to respond to neighborhood complaints. We also invited volunteer chemists Bruce Banks (UNCG Chemistry) and Jim Rayburn (Guilford Laboratories) from my Science Advisory Group. These scientists had helped me early in my career to improve nuclear planning and lay the groundwork for addressing chemical emergency problems through the Local Emergency Planning Committee. A terrific resident, Ms. Terry Wood, joined the group as one of the very concerned citizens. Ms. Wood was tenacious and honest.

For the initial project, I asked the scientists to select an air sampler, asked Guilford Laboratories to volunteer to run the samples, asked Terry Wood to put a sampler in her home, and asked the industries to join us each and every time we had a complaint 24/7. In addition, we asked that the industries help pay the bills. Morflex, Syngenta and Dow paid all the bills. When a call would come from 911 all the committee industry, emergency responders and

scientists would respond. From the collective response, we identified chemical odors were coming from Shamrock, Sherwin Williams, Morflex and a large variety of cars at the railroad. Up until this point, Morflex had been blamed for all the odors. We were able to establish a pattern where 911 calls came in most frequently when the wind originated from the SW. The sample results complicated the issue even more by listing chemicals that none of the facilities had reported to be on site! Each year the Fire Department receives chemical information from the industries. (Now over 5 billion pounds are reported citywide each year to our office...representing only one reporting law!)

The Environmental Protection Agency, Fire Departments, State Emergency Response Commission (Johnny Teeters is a member of this group), Environmental, EPA and industry associations have organized information for us to use. Here are some samples:

<http://www.chemicalspill.org/>

a good local site we are currently studying to modify for our City

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm>

EPA's hotlines and clearinghouses

http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/ef_overview.html

EPA's environmental data. If you need assistance, call my office at 373-2951 and I will help you navigate this one.

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the recreation center and surrounding facilities. Some of the issues we are facing are: distributing a survey, implementing more programs, and putting up a suggestion box.

- ◆ **Lindley Snowy Valentine Lock-in.** January 16th, 6pm – January 17th, 8am. Cost is \$12. Please bring sleeping bag and toiletries. In case of inclement weather it will be cancelled.
- ◆ **Monet for Minis.** This is a new program for ages 2-5 to create and discover new arts and crafts. The program will start Thursday, November 6, 2003 and will meet every Thursday from 9:30am-11am. Cost will be \$5 per session or \$12 per month.
- ◆ **Tot Time.** A program for parents and children to interact and socialize through various activities (songs, crafts, cooking, stories, finger play, music, and much more). Each week will have a different theme. The program will start Tuesday, November 11, 2003 and will meet every Tuesday from 9:30am-11am. \$5 per session or \$12 per month.
- ◆ **Walker's Wednesdays.** A stretching and exercise program for senior citizens to get the blood pumping early in the morning. We will also discuss nutrition and possibly have guest speakers come in. 9:30am-10:30am. The cost is free.

For registration for any of these programs please feel free to contact me or any of my staff at 336-373-2930 or come by the center at 2907 Springwood Drive. Remember it is up to you to let me know what programs are needed at the center — without you we could not offer these programs. ☺

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<http://www.socma.com/ResponsibleCare/index.htm>

I always look here to see the number of our industries that participate in Responsible Care.

http://www.epa.gov/oar/oaqps/peg_caa/pegcaain.html

EPA's Plain English Guide to the Clean Air Act

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In the mid '90's, I had the pleasure of working with the Highland Park neighborhood on an industrial noise and risk reduction project. We

are most grateful to the wonderful people in the Highland Park Neighborhood Association for their time and dedication. Bill Liszka and Julie Schindler from the Association remain good friends and Highland Park remains the model for good industrial/neighborhood emergency planning and practice. (Bill became so interested in environmental matters that he developed a website: <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/8777/>. People still write his site for guidance.)

Also central to the success of each of these projects is the involve- (continued on page 12)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Lindley Park Recreation Center

October, 28, 2003, 7pm

A meeting of the LPNA Executive Committee was held on October 28, 2003 at Lindley Park Recreation Center. Officers/District Representatives/Committee Chairs attending included: Matt Russ, Joe Wood, Stacey Ryan, Charles Cameron, Mary Blake, Ken Snowden, Theresa Miller, JP McIntyre, Barry Goldman, Mary Montgomery, and Patti Eckard. Lindley Park residents attending included: Ron Miller, Kathleen Clark, Leah McPherson, Meredith Kolk-Tomberlin, Regina Zanin, and John Perry.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes. Executive Committee Meetings: 8/26/03, 9/14/03, 10/7/03 were approved as submitted by the Secretary, Patti Eckard. Minutes from the 9/23 General Meeting will be submitted to the full membership for approval at the January General Meeting.

2. Resignation of Chairman. Committee members were informed about the resignation of LPNA chairman, Scott Cripe, who is moving to Asheville, and the By-Laws procedure for filling the vacancy. 1st Vice Chairman JP McIntyre will fill the vacancy until the January General

Meeting when the regularly scheduled elections will take place.

3. Treasurer's Report – Theresa Miller reported \$2,740 as of 10/28/03.

4. District Reps Report – Ken Snowden (Dist. 3) reported on a growing concern by residents in and around the 800 block of Elam Ave. Police have been called 8 times to a residence regarding disturbances. The property owner has been called. The police indicate the next time they are called, arrests will be made.

5. Standing Committee Reports: Ways & Means – Charles Cameron reported three membership contributions totaling \$50.

Zoning Committee – Joe Wood, Stacey Ryan and Ron Miller gave an update on the issue of rezoning land to RM18 on Spring Garden Street so that an apartment complex, suitable for renting by college students could be built. Joe Wood gave an overview of the City's Zoning Committee Meeting. Several Lindley Park residents were in attendance as well. Joe reported that Southeastern Foundry spoke against the rezoning, citing the property was not suited to residential living and wants the zoning to stay industrial. Lindley Park residents expressed concerns about

traffic and noise and the need for landscape buffers. The Zoning Committee approved the request in a 4-3 vote. The request will now go before the City Council on Nov. 5th for final approval.

Stacey Ryan reported on a follow-up meeting involving the developer, Lee Siman, the developer's attorney, Jennifer Fountain, and Ron Miller, Diane Bartenfield, Tom Worth and Debra Anderson of Lindley Park. A site rendering for 54-60 units containing 2-3 bedrooms was presented. LP residents expressed their concerns about added traffic congestion on Spring Garden and the need for landscape buffers to enhance the area. LP resi-
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dents also stated their opposition to a Spring Garden Street entrance to the complex. The developer agreed to: reverse the plan so that the parking lot would be at the back of the complex, increase landscaping along Spring Garden to buffer noise/lights issues, work with LPNA to encourage the City to provide a traffic-calming plan for Spring Garden, especially between Hiatt and Masonic Drives. Mr. Siman and Ms. Fountain stated that they knew Hiatt St. would need to be improved. They also told LP residents that it was their understanding that the City required an entrance to the complex from Spring Garden. The developer told LP residents that if they didn't get the rezoning they may continue with the one building on the already zoned RM18 lot and SE Foundry would probably purchase the other property to expand. LP residents

indicated that they supported the student-housing plan.

Stacey informed the Executive Committee that, following the meeting with the developer, LP residents were briefed on a proposed plan by the Bostic Brothers to develop the Rolane Bldg. on Howard Street and to add four more buildings near the railroad track that would house a potential 400 students. *(Note: This proposed development is still in the discussion stage. A transportation study would need to be done prior to going before the City's Zoning Committee.)* According to Stacey, while this new development would increase the number of rental units in the neighborhood, LP residents still favored the rezoning request for Spring Garden, citing it would be a better use of the property and that other development could be worse. Additional discussion raised the possibility that if there was more "contained" housing for students, would it decrease the need of single family homes becoming rental properties to meet growing needs for student housing.

Following the report from Stacey and Joe, a motion was made and seconded to support the rezoning request with conditions. The floor was opened for discussion. Mary Blake presented a list of concerns regarding the rezoning that included:

increase in crime, decrease in owner-occupied properties, impact on infrastructure, and potential conflict with proposed neighborhood vision statement.

LP residents attending the Executive Committee Meeting shared their opposition to the rezoning, citing concerns of increased traffic filtering into the neighborhood, potential decrease in property values with additional non-owner properties in the neighborhood. Others asked if the rezoning could be postponed until after the Spring Garden traffic study was complete and the Neighborhood Plan was presented to the City Council in February.

Executive Committee members discussed the pros and cons of requesting a delay in the rezoning until after the Neighborhood Plan went before the Council in February. Joe told Executive Committee members that he spoke with the owner of SE Foundry. SE Foundry would like to buy the two lots currently zoned industrial and expand their business toward Spring Garden. Executive Committee members agreed that if we requested a delay in rezoning, we could be opening the door for increased industrial growth. Several committee members indicated that a housing complex was preferred over an increase in industrial use *(continued on page 11)*



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along this corridor.

The question was called on the motion. The motion passed 8-1. Members of the Executive Committee will request a meeting with the developer prior to the City Council meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2003 to discuss LPNA's support of the rezoning request contingent on the developer making agreed upon changes to their development and supporting the neighborhood's request for traffic calming conditions to be applied to the Spring Garden Street area in question. Executive Committee members will take the LPNA motion to the City Council meeting for consideration.

Parks & Rec. – No report

Public Safety – No report

Newsletter – Written advertising report provided to secretary. Committee members briefly discussed need to recruit a new newsletter editor due

to Ronnie Smith's decision not to serve in this position next year.

Social Affairs

– Committee members expressed appreciation to Allison Chabon, Meg Sisk and all the other volunteers who worked so hard to make the Fall Frolic such a success.

– Luminaries set for December 13th needs a coordinator.

Special Committee Reports

– **Environmental Committee** – No report. Executive Committee will request an update at next Executive Committee meeting.

– **Planning Committee** – Update on Walker Avenue traffic study workshop to be provided at next Executive Committee meeting. Proposed dates for Spring Garden-Oakland traffic study workshop set for November 19th, 20th.

6. Unfinished Business – Mary Blake updated Executive Commit-

tee members on the status for applying for non-profit status for the Association. Committee members were asked to review the draft of documents provided by Mary prior to the next meeting.

7. New Business – None

8. Announcements

– Next Executive Committee meeting — Nov. 25th, 7pm at Rec. Ctr.

– Luminaries – Dec. 13th, Rec. Ctr. parking lot – 4pm

– December Executive Committee meeting postponed until January 6, 2004

– General Meeting and Election of officers — Jan. 20, 2004, 7pm at Rec. Center

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Eckard

Secretary

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ment of individuals who represent good science. In the mid '80's, I was assigned by City management to attend hearings on the possible sighting of a hazardous waste treatment facility in the Pomona neighborhood. The meetings were agonizing at best. Present in the review were State representatives and a wonderful neighborhood coalition.

A problem occurred when the government officials told the community that only specific questions based in science and the law would be answered. Frustration seemed to grow at each meeting. None of us were legal scholars, and few of us had degrees in science. Present also in the room was former Mayor Carolyn Allen. In those years, she represented the League of Women Voters, Hazardous Waste Citizen Education Project. Not only did she understand the law, but also her group involved local environmental attorneys, city action groups, government officials, and industry representatives, as well as industrial scientists. As a committee, they helped us turn the corner in those initial meetings because they tried their best to offer unbiased legal and scientific information. Because of Ms. Allen's project, the scientists (industrial and academic) joined with the neighborhood and questioned the good sense of locating the particular facility design at the particular site. Subsequently, the facility was not located there.

Years later, a similar group again came together to review another application for a hazardous waste treatment facility in our area. A review group, remarkably similar in composition to Ms. Allen's League Project, voted to recommend a hazardous waste treatment facility — Ecoflo, Inc. In the years since, members of my Science Advisory have

been involved in commentary on any proposed change in the activities at Ecoflo.

Successful environmental enhancement through risk reduction can happen best in an atmosphere of respect and inclusion. The Lindley Park Association, Greensboro City Council, Science Advisory, Association of Businesses and Industries adjacent to Ardmore and Lindley Park, as well as the Greensboro Emergency Services, are planning for that success.

Project elements currently include:

- **Identification of local businesses and industries with Air Permits;**
- **Development of better emergency response protocols;**
- Organizing local industry personnel into **air emergency response teams;**
- **Practice and testing of emergency plans;**
- **Air sampling** (currently Elizabeth Mulligan and I will be available to sample along with the Greensboro Fire Department and local industry);
- **Innovative Budget and Fund-raising to meet the expenses of lab time!!!!**

Our next meeting will be held at Morflex Chemicals (date TBD) at 5:30 pm. This is an important meeting because the Greensboro Fire Department will be demonstrating intricate new equipment that can be used for chemical air response. This equipment, previously not affordable, was purchased with Terrorism Response Funds in 2003. The Committee is open to all.

Present Members:

Sandy Carmandy
Greensboro City Council
J.P. McIntyre
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