

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Foy and Council

FROM: Terry Blalock, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission ^{RB (1/2)}

RE: Southern Community Park Traffic Calming/Petition from Dogwood Acres Residents

DATE: February 7, 2006

At the January 18, 2006 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, after hearing from approximately 10 residents of Dogwood Acres Drive and discussing the items listed in the neighbors' petition concerning traffic calming along Dogwood Acres Drive and requested changes in the Southern Community Park plan, the Commission voted 6-4 to recommend the following to the Council:

- The Commission recommends that the Council adopt the proposed traffic calming plan for Dogwood Acres Drive as presented by the staff.
- The Commission recommends that the Council direct the Manager to use all Town resources to work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to install adequate traffic calming measures along the full length of Dogwood Acres Drive, particularly the installation of a traffic signal at the Dogwood Acres/15-501 intersection and speed sensors/flashing signage to notify vehicles they are approaching pedestrian crosswalks (the ones for Durham's Creekside Elementary School are an effective model).
- The Commission recommends that the Council direct the Manager to continue design of the park as presented in the adopted Special Use Permit (SUP), with Phase I of the project to include a 125 space parking lot accessed from Dogwood Acres Drive.

Commission members Bench, Broad, Brooks, and Nager voted against the resolution. Mr. Bench and Mr. Broad stated that they believe the Town should provide the additional funds (estimated to be \$170,000) to build the northern parking lot and avoid the need for additional parking spaces in the southern lot off Dogwood Acres.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to review and make a recommendation regarding development of Phase I of the Southern Community Park.

For
 Terry Blalock, Chair
 Diane VandenBroek, Vice Chair
 Eugene Farrar
 Pam Hemminger
 Pete Schwartz
 Terri Tyson

Against
 Neal Bench
 Bob Broad
 Cory Brooks
 Faith Nager