

RIDGE LANE AND GLANDON DRIVE STREET LIGHTS
(in the Gimghoul Historic District)
September 2008

THE REQUEST:

Five (5) homeowners in the District wish to bury the utility lines serving their properties. They also wish to install green metal historically appropriate street lamps to replace the existing lights and, if the cost is not prohibitive, to add more lights on Glandon Dr.

WHY:

- We often have service outages due to trees and limbs damaging power, cable and phone lines. This was a major issue during Hurricane Fran and continues to be a problem during sleet and wind storms. Metal poles and buried lines require less maintenance.
- Existing above ground power/service is extremely unattractive.
- We wish to add more light along Glandon for the safety of pedestrians. Glandon has pedestrian jogging traffic all times of the day and night.
- There have been several break-ins in the neighborhood over the last 2 years, prompting homeowners to install security systems. We hope additional lighting will be a further deterrent.

PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED:

Homeowners have discussed the proposed changes with the Town (Kumar Neppalli-Town Engineer and Mike Rempson-Traffic Engineering), Duke Energy (Steve Small), Time Warner Cable, BellSouth, the NC Botanical Garden, the UNC Property Office, and neighbors directly affected who live along Ridge Lane and Glandon Dr.

We also have notified the entire neighborhood of our plans and invited comments and attendance at the HDC meeting when our request will be considered (see attached email). To date, all responding homeowners have voiced approval.

We have secured easements from homeowners Wharton, Poston, Schoultz, Miles, and Guilkey which allow Duke Energy to trench along-side Ridge Lane from Evergreen Ln. to the cul-de-sac. The Town has surveyed the 50-foot right-of-way on Glandon Dr. No trees need to be removed from either street, but the trenching will damage some tree roots on Glandon. We will

closely supervise the work so that we disturb the smallest area possible. The trenches will be a foot or less in diameter and 3 feet deep (per Duke Energy).

Duke Energy is providing labor and materials. The cable, phone, and power lines will all go into the same trench on Ridge Ln. The trench on Glandon Dr. will hold only power for street lights.

The attached drawing shows the locations of the 6 wooden poles being removed and the 4-6 metal poles being installed. Pictures of the proposed new lights (Acorn or Deluxe Acorn globes and Style B poles approx. 12 feet in height) are also attached. Duke Energy will maintain the new lights as they have done in past. The 5 homeowners will cover costs for removing the old poles, trenching, burying lines, and purchase/installation of new lighting.

Duke Energy will bore under Evergreen Lane from an existing light pole at the intersection of Ridge Lane and Evergreen Lane, then trench down beside the pavement on Ridge Lane, and across the cul-de-sac to a new transformer box on the ground between Lots 35 and 36 (Guilkey, Schoultz). The wooden pole in the cul-de-sac and another wooden pole on the line between Guilkey and Schoultz will be removed. A wooden pole on Ridge on the Poston property also will be removed. Power to the lights on Glandon Dr. will be routed from the Ridge Ln. cul-de-sac down the Poston/Schoultz property line or down the Miles/Guilkey property line (or both). A new transformer may be installed on the ground on Glandon.

If costs allow, Duke Energy will be asked to trench along the Battle Park side of Glandon Dr. from the light near the Schoultz/Poston line to the light in the sharp curve in front of the Miles' (Lot 34). New historically appropriate metal poles will replace the 3 wooden ones in this area, and, if possible, an additional light will be installed somewhere along this section of Glandon across from the Guilkey property (see attached map).

As we have already studied this issue for a number of years and have discussed the project with Kumar Neppalli, Town Engineer, we request that the project come back to the Council at the October 13th meeting. Given Town approval, we are ready to submit the necessary papers to the Historic District Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

CONTACT INFORMATION OF 5 HOMEOWNERS:

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Lars Schoultz, Lot 36, 250 Glandon Dr., PIN 9788 87 3459
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Edwin and Harriet Poston, Lot 37, 260 Glandon Dr., PIN 9788 87 3375
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Elisabeth Wharton, Lot 38, 110 Ridge Lane, PIN 9788 87 4215
(House is rented. Owner resides at 17 Forest Rd., Asheville, NC 28803—phone 828-277-5070).

Attachments:

- 1) Email to all Gimghoul neighbors
- 2) Map of area involved showing current poles and proposed ones
- 3) Available Duke Energy fixtures and poles