

MEETING DATE: 4/26/2016
MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM
SUBJECT: New Lake Norman Charter Elementary School Neighborhood Meeting
LOCATION: Lake Norman Charter High School Campus
ATTENDEES: Shannon Stein, LNCS
Scott Abel, LNCS
Bill Farber, LNCS
Gary Knox, The Knox Group
Robert Tripp, Merrick and Company
Community Members Sign In Sheet Attached

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was held to gather members of the community, who live near the new elementary school site on Hambright Road and Patterson Road, to provide them information about recent changes to the project and hear feedback on the proposed changes.

DISCUSSIONS:

The meeting was kicked off by Shannon Stein, who briefly reviewed the school's history, growth, and objectives for the future. She continued by discussing several bullet points covering the site plan changes, construction schedule. Lastly, Mrs. Stein discussed several positive improvements resulting from the new site plan.

After the initial presentation by Mrs. Stein, the attendees were given a chance to review the revised schematic site plans, ask questions, and make comments. In summary of the discussions:

- *Parking management for special events, PTA Meetings, etc. was brought up by residents across from the site and along Shamrock Drive. LNCS noted they had open space adjacent to the hard surface lot, availability to park on the play fields, and could park cars along the entrance drive in order to handle parking for special events.*
- *Several residents noted the improvements to the site plan, particularly the buffer it creates between the business park, and the green space adjacent to the residents on Shamrock Drive. Robert Tripp explained that the site plan was laid out with those things*

in mind. He noted on the plans where LNCS would be keeping trees or planting buffers to create screening at the property lines.

- *Residents had concerns over the impacts of road improvements to the surrounding properties.* Mr. Tripp noted they were looking at all the options for both symmetrical and asymmetrical widening in order to try and reduce the impacts to private property by using available right of way on Hambright Road. (After reviewing the options, LNCS has decided to do asymmetrical widening to prevent the taking of useable pasture land on the properties across from the school on Hambright.)
- *Residents on Swansboro Drive expressed concerns with traffic in their neighborhood and how close Swansboro was to the school exit drive. One expressed concerns with the NCDOT or DMV using the neighborhood for driver's education testing.* Mr. Tripp explained LNCS had purposely located their exit drive at a minimum of 400 ft from Swansboro to try prevent issues with traffic between the two locations. Mrs. Stein noted that the elementary school would not run a driver's education program, and the existing program at the high school did not use Swansboro Drive.
- *Local residents expressed concerns that the play fields adjacent to Swansboro would draw traffic and noise at unwanted times of the day and night.* Mrs. Stein and Mr. Abel noted that the campus would be gated during off hours and security measures would be in place to prevent trespassing onto the campus. They both noted similar protections were in place at the Middle and High School campuses and have been successful in preventing unauthorized use of their facilities.
- Several team members discussed the positives related to teaming with the Town of Huntersville for Parks and Recreation activities, and teaming with local ministries to hold after-school or summer programs for local children.