

Minutes
Thomasville Community Resource Center
501 Varnedoe Street
225 North Board Street
May 3, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a Community Meeting for the citizens and interested parties in the South Pinetree Blvd. Phase I project scheduled from 5-7:00 p.m. with the with the following board members present:

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| Kenneth E. Hickey, Chair, (absent) | Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7 |
| Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1 | Moses Gross, Dist. 2 |
| Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4 | Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5 |
| Wiley E. Grady, Dist. 6 | J. Elaine Mays, Dist. 8 |

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, Derrick Ogletree, Frank Scoggins, Tony Wooten, Tony Bodiford, Ron Kelley, Jay Bannister, Ann Powell, Bill Eddings, Chris Jones, Tim Coram, Jay Knight, and Twink Monahan, County Clerk. There was no news media present. There were 21 citizens present.

Vice-Chairman Brown called the meeting to order and Commissioner Grady gave the invocation.

Vice-Chairman Brown greeted the guests and explained the purpose of the meeting. Thomas County government is sponsoring this Community Meeting for residents and property owners of South Pinetree Blvd. Vice-Chairman Brown stated that representatives from Thomas County Board of Commissioners and Falcon Design Consultants are present to answer any questions about the project. There are maps on display with the design for widening and adding sidewalks to S. Pinetree (US 319 S. to Magnolia Intersection). At 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. there will be a formal question and answer session about the project.

Michael Stephenson introduced the representatives from Falcon Design Consultants, LLC; Mike Crawford, Adam Price, Sean Hayes and Richard Powell. Sean Hayes presented the basic project describing the width of the redesigned street with a center turning lane, utility relocation and the results of the traffic study. The study revealed turn lanes are not needed at all intersection and at this time a traffic light at the Magnolia intersection is not needed. The street will be widened by six feet on each side.

Mr. Hayes also referenced an option of a roundabout at the Magnolia intersection and explained the advantages of a roundabout compared to a 4-way stop or traffic light. There was a handout distributed concerning roundabouts.

Mayor Hobbs asked how much right of way is going to be needed for the project. Mr. Hayes stated that he will know soon but not yet.

In reply to a question of water problems, Mr. Hayes stated that there will be curbing and gutters that will keep the water flow directed to the storm drains.

Vice-Chairman Brown asked Joseph Newborn from Thomas University to explain their plan for the new location at the Magnolia intersection. Mr. Newborn asked if there were going to be restrictions on the use of the sidewalk. It was explained that there has not been a decision. He also requested consideration for an additional entrance to the Varnedoe Stadium from S. Pinetree, stating that this would help with the

traffic on Varnedoe St. Mike Lee, also with Thomas University, stated that the dormitories currently under construction will have 80 students and as the project progresses the maximum population will be 350.

Mike Crawford said that if you live in the City of Thomasville any additional questions should be directed to the Mayor's Office and those who live in the county should direct their questions to the County Commissioners Office.

Vice-Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned.


Phillip Brown, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk