



Town of Southern Shores

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Special Meeting

August 20, 2002

7:00 p.m. Pitts Center

Mayor Sutherland called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to allow the citizens to review and comment on the proposed Juniper Trail multi-use path. He stated the proposed path would start at Juniper Trail/Hwy 158 and end at the culvert bridge entrance to Chicahawk.

Mayor Sutherland stated that Councilman Smith is absent.

Mayor Sutherland asked Councilman Denny, as Roads Commissioner, to explain the path and respond to questions. (Preliminary plan documents have been made available to the public prior to the meeting). Councilman Denny reminded the audience that the plans were preliminary and that already some needed changes had been identified: (1) where the path crosses gravel driveways it will continue as asphalt path, not stop at the driveway as shown on the plan, (2) a provision will be devised so that path users could enter into the Marketplace, (3) the intersection with the Gersen Path requires more study and the Town will discussing that matter with the NCDOT, and (4) the extent of the need for retaining walls in low sections of the path were still under study.

Councilman Denny called attention to the presence of Mr. Bill Hoffman of ZIFF Properties, owners of the Marketplace shopping area. He reported that in conversation with Mr. Hoffman just prior to the meeting, Mr. Hoffman expressed strong support for the path and that he would start work immediately on making the Marketplace more accessible to users of the path.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the Town has received a \$35,000 matching grant from the Dare County Tourist Bureau to construct the proposed path. He stated that the final cost will be more than \$70,000 and that the Town would cover any additional costs. He stated in accordance to the grant requirements the path is to be done by June 30, 2003 but the Town could ask for an extension if needed.

Councilman Denny stated that there would be some trees in the right-of-way that will need to be removed but the path is configured to save as many trees as possible.

Guy Hellwege stated that a walkway is needed at the bridge north of Sweet Gum. Councilman Denny stated that the bridge has recently been inspected and is good condition. He stated that in the future other considerations may be feasible but would not be included in this proposal.

Councilman Kennedy asked how disruptive will the project be to traffic? Councilman Denny replied that there would be periods when one lane of Juniper, the northbound lane, would be shut down. He stated, however, that an easy detour would be available for most of the length, i.e., via Sweet Gum, Cypress, and Fern.

Councilman Campbell asked what is involved in constructing a footbridge? Councilman Denny and Joe Anlauf, Town engineer, concurred that there is considerable bulkhead work and structural engineering needed.

Mayor Sutherland stated that there may be some objects in the Town right-of-way that will be removed such as flowers, grass, sprinkler systems, that were put there by property owners.

Councilman Denny stated that a copy of the proposed plan would be available for viewing at the Town Hall.

Councilman Campbell moved to move ahead with the project as proposed. Councilman Denny seconded. Approved 4 to 0.

Mayor Sutherland announced that the petition to support the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge and to oppose the widening to NC 12 is in the back of the room for all to sign. He encouraged all to sign. He stated that Geri Sullivan and Sarah Schwartz are heading a strong campaign on this issue.

Mayor Sutherland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All agreed.

*Note: Approximately 15 people attended the meeting and no one objected to the proposed plan. Town Hall also has received several emails in support of the project.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:



Mayor



Town Clerk



TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES

Sign in for Public ~~Hearing~~ *Comment*

Date: 8/20/02 *Jenique Trail Multitrail path*

NAME	ADDRESS
<i>No one signed up to speak</i>	
<i>Approx 15 people where in attendance</i>	
	<i>Carmie Jordan</i>
	<i>Town clerk</i>