

Jason Sullivan

From: Lynn Richardson
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 10:15 AM
To: Jason Sullivan
Subject: FW: November 12 TRC

From: Jim and Bev Wiggins [mailto:jimerly@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 9:09 PM
To: Sarah O'Brien
Cc: Rosemary Waldorf; Mark Ashness; Lynn Richardson
Subject: Re: November 12 TRC

Hi Sarah-- I'm delighted to learn that you had the cemetery work done by professional archaeologists. That is by far the best way to know that you have identified all of the graves so they can be avoided. Would you be willing to share their report with me for our records on the site?

Your plans to possibly fence the cemetery but otherwise leave it in a natural state should provide the kind of protection we like to see for such sites. Often, the danger for overgrown sites is that markers are not recognized as gravemarkers so that accidental disturbance occurs. Fencing helps since anyone inside should know they are in a cemetery. The fencing need not be elaborate or expensive. Something as simple as a post and chain fence can serve the purpose if it is maintained. That you have all of the grave locations will help, too. Sometimes well-meaning folks decide to clean up such sites and inadvertently disturb fieldstone markers or unmarked graves. The less routine maintenance the site requires, the better, so we discourage grass. The periwinkle (vinca) that has survived on the site will likely fill in and hold the soil if the site is opened up some. That said, you or future caretakers of the site may well want to remove briars or invasives such as the elaeagnus that is so prevalent in our area. That should not be a problem if the grave locations are well marked and there are some guidelines (perhaps in your covenants) for cemetery maintenance. As I noted in my earlier email to Lynn, the very large privet bush that obscures some of the graves was likely planted at the time of the burials and, as such, should not be disturbed. Hopefully, your future residents will find it an interesting feature.

You have probably seen the Chatham County Historical Associations record on the site:
<http://cemeterycensus.com/nc/chat/cem147.htm>

I will check my notes to see if there is anything else that might be of interest to you, or that you might want to use in your sales materials or pass along to future residents. I have been told, though I do not know if it is true, that large numbers of Confederate troops were stationed on Parkers Creek--and possibly on your property--as they were being mustered out of the army in Raleigh. If artifacts of any kind turn up during construction, you might consider whether they could be from that period and have the folks at TRC take a look at them--preferably before they are disturbed. A discovery of that sort would be of great interest to CCHA and probably to the State archaeology folks--and would make for great stories to tell your future residents. Any artifacts you find would be yours if you wanted to keep them, but the historians would be interested in seeing exactly where they were retrieved, etc. It is also possible that you might turn up artifacts from farming or other uses. Did the TRC folks just look at the cemetery or also around the old house site and other parts of the property? The archaeologists

know where to look to turn up artifacts that help tell the story of the land. At the very least, you know that your land was inhabited as early as 1837 by the Ellingtons, and later by their daughter's family, the Knights. If you turn up anything else, please let us know.

Apart from the chimney that was observed on the property when we first visited, I'm not aware of other features that you might make use of in your development. We encourage reuse of materials such as the rocks from chimneys or walls because they are part of the history of the land and many people would find it interesting to know, for example, that the rock pillars at the end of their driveway or the rock supports for a bench in a green area came from the chimney of the old Ellington homestead. You might also consider creative uses for lumber from any unusual large trees that are to be removed. Having "before" photos of trees that are to be used as part of the development can add a lot to your story of the land. Any such endeavors would be completely voluntary on your part of course.

I appreciate your prompt reply to my inquiry about the cemetery and I am encouraged by your thoughtful approach to preserving the site. If I can be of assistance as you develop your plans, please let me know.

Bev Wiggins
CCHA Cemetery Project

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Subject: Re: November 12 TRC

Hi Bev,

Along with Rosemary Waldorf, I am one of the owners/developers of the Sunset Grove property. Rosemary shared the email chain below with me and asked that I reply.

We hired TRC Solutions to perform the cemetery delineation. I contacted Paul Webb, who referred me to Heather Millis in their local office. An Archaeological Senior Technician was on site for the two days of the delineation, which included systematic probing of the cemetery area, plus an additional 20 feet on all sides, followed by recording of the GPS points for each grave. The cemetery boundary, based on the GPS points, is shown on the site plan. We plan to protect the cemetery with a recorded easement and have considered a fence as mentioned in the email chain below. We plan to leave the cemetery in a natural state.

During construction, we will protect the area with tree protection fencing.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or recommendations.

Thank you,
Sarah

From: Lynn Richardson <lynn.richardson@chathamnc.org>
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Subject: FW: November 12 TRC

Rosemary, please see comments below, of Nov 10 and Nov 13, from Bev Wiggins, Chatham County Historical Association, regarding the cemetery in Sunset Grove. Thanks,

Lynn W. Richardson

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From: Jim and Bev Wiggins [<mailto:jimerly@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 5:23 PM
To: Lynn Richardson
Subject: Re: November 12 TRC

Hi Lynn--Thanks for the feedback. I'm happy for you to share my email with Ms. Waldorf. Fencing the cemetery sounds like a good plan. I would like to know who did the survey of the site to make sure it is someone who would recognize all of the graves so that we know the boundaries include all of the gravesites. I would like to have Jason's photos of the graves. It has been some months since I last visited the site and it is always good to have "before construction" photos. I'll be happy to discuss preservation with Ms. Waldorf. There are some cleanup methods that are better and others that are not recommended for such overgrown sites. Thank you!
Bev Wiggins

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Subject: RE: November 12 TRC

Bev, we discussed the cemetery at the TRC meeting. It is my understanding that the developer is going to contact you to discuss what your recommendation is regarding protection for the

cemetery. Rosemary Waldorf (one of the owners/developers) stated at the meeting that they are considering putting a fence around the cemetery. She also stated that they had done a survey of the gravesites and determined that there were 12 or 13 graves and that they were clear on where the boundaries of the cemetery are. We made a site visit a couple of weeks ago and Jason took several pictures of the graves. Let me know if you want them and I will e-mail them to you. If you are okay with it, I will forward your e-mail on to Ms. Waldorf. Thanks, Lynn

From: Jim and Bev Wiggins [<mailto:jimerly@embarqmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:13 PM
To: Lynn Richardson
Subject: Re: November 12 TRC

Hi Lynn--

I see in the Sunset Grove environmental review that they note the existence of the cemetery and say that it must be protected or moved, and their plat appears to indicate that they plan to leave it in place and provide a 10' easement. But I don't see anything about determining the boundaries so that no graves are excluded or specifics about protection during construction or after. I would like for them to agree that the boundaries will be determined by a professional or that enough buffer will be provided to ensure that there's no chance that graves will be excluded. I would also like them to agree to have the boundaries of the cemetery clearly marked during construction and/or clearing to avoid accidental damage. The large privet bush in the cemetery should be left as it is, since that was likely planted when the cemetery was established and state cemetery statutes protect such plantings. I will be happy to discuss any of this with them when they are ready.

Thanks,
Bev Wiggins
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Sent: Monday, November 9, 2015 4:14:38 PM

Subject: November 12 TRC

We will have a TRC meeting on Thursday, November 12 in the Dunlap classroom at 8:30 to review the following subdivision requests:

Request by Acorn Investment Associates, LLC for subdivision final plat review and approval of Westfall, Phase 2B – Section 2, consisting of 5 lots on 17.234 acres, located off Jack Bennett Road, SR-1717 and Herndon Creek Way, parcel #'s 87148 and #87149. This request requires action by the Technical Review Committee.

Request by Chatham Capital, LLC for subdivision First Plat review and approval of Sunset Grove, consisting of 55 lots on 107.82 acres, located off Mt Gilead Church Road, SR-1700, parcel #'s 17425, 17440, & 17441. This request requires action by the Board of Commissioners.

Request by Chatham County for subdivision preliminary and final plat approval of Briar Chapel – Civic Site, consisting of one (1) non-residential lot on 3.683, located off Mann's Chapel Road, SR-1532 and Great Ridge Parkway, parcel #2617. This request requires action by the Board of Commissioners.

The submittal information will be posted to the Planning Department webpage by tomorrow at www.chathamnc.org/planning Rezoning & Subdivision Cases, 2015. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

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