

**HENDERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2006

SUBJECT: Tuxedo Park Project

ATTACHMENTS: May 11, 2006 Staff Memorandum

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Based on the Board's discussion during the May 1 meeting, this item has been placed on the agenda for May 19. The attached memorandum contains information concerning a community meeting that was held in Tuxedo on May 8. Staff will present a summary this information during the May 19 meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

No specific action recommended at this time.

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MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2006

To: Steve Wyatt, County Manager

From: Justin Hembree, Assistant County Manager

Subject: May 8, 2006 Community Meeting – Tuxedo Park Project

On Monday, May 8 a community meeting to discuss the Tuxedo Park Project was held in the social hall of the Tuxedo First Baptist Church. Specifically, the purpose of the meeting was to gain input concerning the type of park the community is interested in seeing developed and amenities that should be placed in the park. Approximately 25 residents of the Tuxedo community attended the meeting, along with Justin Hembree, Rick Harris, and Commissioner Chuck McGrady.

The meeting was informal in nature, but was designed to assist the community in reaching a consensus concerning the Tuxedo Park Project. Quite a bit of time was spent discussing the type of park and amenities. The conversation then turned to the topic of the manner in which the County may come to use the Bell property.

Staff findings are as follows:

- The **community strongly prefers a passive community park** (all in attendance supported this preference).
- Wanted amenities include the following: a walking trail, restrooms, playground(s), multi-purpose field, picnic area/shelters, and basketball goals (all in attendance supported these amenities).
- Other amenities that were discussed include: community building, shade areas, and water fountains (kids' play area) (these items were mentioned by individuals in attendance with no objections).
- Amenities specific to the Bell property that were discussed include: boat ramp, beach/swimming area, and fishing areas (these items were mentioned by individuals in attendance with no objections).
- The **community strongly prefers the purchase of property** as opposed to lease of property (all in attendance favored purchase; **there was no support for a lease**).
- The **community is willing to consider park sites outside of the one-mile radius** (up to five-miles) around the central Tuxedo area (there was no objection to this idea).