

Notes from the Shady Grove Neighborhood Meeting conducted on February 6, 2019

Attended by approximately 40-45 people including 5 VB members, 3 TB members and 2 Staff

List of Concerns & Solutions

1. Intersection of Buss Road and Cottage Grove Road
 - Question – how is this intersection currently planned to be controlled? Answer – stop signs on Buss Road, no control on Cottage Grove Road
 - Concern with the traffic flow and control with the addition of Shady Grove and the new school
 - The addition of the school will need to be decided once/if the school is annexed into the village. A citizen member said it would be nice if both additions could be taken into consideration to maximize use of tax dollars.
 - Concerns/Solutions
 - Turn lanes on both Cottage Grove Road and Buss Road
 - Off-set Buss Road on the north side of Cottage Grove Road to align with the proposed Buss Road
 - Dedication of a Center Turn Lane on Cottage Grove Road
 - Traffic Studies – recommended this occur first
 - This should be a discussion item and decision made by the Village Board
 - How far west on Cottage Grove Road does the village currently own / responsible for (i.e. Damascus)?
 - Sidewalks – will be constructed within the sub-division per village standards. Additional discussion occurred along Cottage Grove Road and a recommended solution would be a bike path like the one across from the Piggly Wiggly / Post Office / CVS.
 - Can we connect this proposed bike path through the back yards of the homes that reside in the town to the existing one that ends at Damascus Trail (i.e. right of way)?
 - What about along the north side of the road?
 - Responsible party – developer(s), village and/or county (since BB is a county Road as of now)?
2. Buss Rd going straight towards Vilas Rd as a main thoroughfare with possibly greater width
 - This was the consensus of the group versus Fundamental Way
 - On the south side of Cottage Grove Road, design Buss Road east of the cemetery, veering east along the woodlands
3. Preserving the woodlands
 - It was noted and agreed upon by all that a good portion of the woodlands are scrub or dead, which the developer will assist with cleaning up as part of the development
 - See Items #2 for Buss Road proposed design and #5 for park and/or use on lots
4. ~~Increased traffic on Vilas Rd~~ – agreed by all parties that this is not a current concern
5. Park size and location
 - It was noted that the current proposal was recommended by the Parks and Recreation committee and approved by the Village Board, with the remaining requirement occurring through fees in lieu of to use in existing Village parks
 - Several people expressed the desire to keep the current “lot-sized” park AND use the preserved woodlands as walking trails (similar to Governor Taylor park).
 - Another option discussed was to use the preserved woodlands on lots in the development
 - All understood the requirement for the developer to request approval from the Village to remove trees exceeding a certain diameter
6. Size and shape of lots / Neighborhood transition

- The developer stated they would consider looking into the lots east of Fundamental Way to better align with Meadow Grove lots; however, all proposed lots meet the requirement of the Village. Additionally, the developer outlined similar developments in other communities with comparable lot sizes and stated they foresee no problems selling the lots with the current proposal.
 - Other considerations discussed included the 60' gas-line easement, trees/landscaping between the two neighborhoods, and entrance signs advertising the neighborhood
7. Land use along Cottage Grove Rd
 - The consensus of the audience was to have mixed use (commercial and multi-family) with the desire to have owner occupied. An example would be to have a smaller-scale 1855-like structure on Lot 7.
 - The developer stated the lots along Cottage Grove Road are currently not part of the request to re-zone and explained that commercial property would increase the amount of traffic into the development. They are open for direction from the Village Board on how to use these lots.
 8. ~~Pressure on school district~~ – no longer an issue with the referendum passed November 2018
 9. Other – any topic not listed above
 - Bike paths along Cottage Grove Road, throughout the development, and possibly on top of the gas-line easement for safety, recreation and connection to the existing bike paths.
 - Walking trails throughout the preserved woodlands was once again mentioned as a possible park (as it was in Item #5 above).

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