

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 7, 2008
10:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

LEROY BLACKSHEAR, CHAIRMAN
GLADYS JONES, COUNCILWOMAN
DR. GEORGE HOOD PRESENT IN AUDIENCE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOHNNY DAVIS, PARKS, AND RECREATION DIRECTOR
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE:

CARRIE FAIR, MORRIS LAWYER, SHIRLEY ORR, JAMES PINCKNEY, PERNELL
COGER, HERBERT PINCKNEY, JUANITA WHITE, VIRGINIA MCLEOD, IRENE
GREEN, BARBARA MARTIN, JAMES WILLIAMS, ALEX PINCKNEY, ARTHUR
MURPHY

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AT THE
ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE
TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:35 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

DISCUSSION ROBERTVILLE CENTER:

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR STATED THAT THE REASON THE MEETING WAS
DUE TO THE RESULTS OF A MEETING HE AND DR. HOOD HAD WITH MR.
PINCKNEY AND MR. MURPHY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT
THE CITIZENS IN ROBERTVILLE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE WATER
SUPPLY, THE WALK AROUND THE PARK, THE GRAVEL DRIVEWAY, AND

POSSIBLY CUTTING THE TIMBER ON THE PROPERTY AND PUTTING IN A POND.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR THE PUBLIC.

ARTHUR MURPHY ASKED THE PEOPLE TO STAND WHO WERE FROM THE ROBERTVILLE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DR. HOOD AND JUANITA WHITE STOOD. MR. MURPHY SAID THAT ALEX PINCKNEY WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS. MR. PINCKNEY THANKED MR. DAVIS AND THE COUNCIL FOR WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AT THE ROBERTVILLE PARK. MR. PINCKNEY SAID HE LOOKED AT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PARK AND HE WAS CONCERNED. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE RECREATION SITE IS VERY LOW AND IT HAS HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AND WHEN HE MET WITH A GROUP OF CITIZENS THEY SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE PARK. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT THERE IS TIMBER ON THE PROPERTY THAT CAN BE CUT AND SOLD AND THE MONEY COULD BE USED TO PUT IN A POND TO DRAIN THE PROPERTY AND IT WOULD ALSO HAVE RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND THE DIRT COULD BE USED TO FILL IN THE LOW AREAS. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT RETENTION PONDS ARE OFTEN USED TO CORRECT DRAINAGE PROBLEMS. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE ROBERTVILLE SCHOOL WAS ORIGINALLY CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE SMELL OUT OF THE BUILDING IS TO CORRECT THE WATER PROBLEMS. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT IF A WALK IS INSTALLED ON THE BACKSIDE OF THE PROPERTY, THE WATER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT A RECREATION PLAN IS NEEDED, MAPPING OUT WHERE THINGS WILL GO. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE WATER TANKS WERE PUT IN THE WRONG LOCATION, AND THE GRAVEL DRIVEWAY TO THE WATER SYSTEM IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARK. MR. PINCKNEY SAID IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY AND PEOPLE ARE USING THE PARK, THE PEOPLE HAVE TO MOVE SO THE FIRE TRUCKS CAN GET TO THE WATER TANKS. MR. DAVIS SAID HE WAS NOT CONSULTED WHEN THE WATER TANKS WERE PUT IN. MR. PINCKNEY STATED THAT THE CITIZENS WANT TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE PROPERTY TO ITS BEST USE. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND BJEOC HEADSTART PROGRAM ALL USE THE BUILDING. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE PORTION USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS IN GOOD SHAPE, BUT THE OTHER AREAS NEED TO BE MAINTAINED BETTER. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE LIGHTING NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED AND PERHAPS PORTABLE TOILETS CAN BE PLACED OUTSIDE SO THAT PEOPLE WHO WANT TO RENT THE OUTSIDE AREA DO NOT HAVE TO RENT THE BUILDING JUST TO USE THE TOILET FACILITIES. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE COMMUNITY WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT VANDALISM IN THE PARKS. MR. PINCKNEY CONTINUED AND STATED THAT IN THE CITIES IT IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED FOR THE PARKS, BUT HERE IF PEOPLE ARE USING THE PARK AND SOMEONE WHO RENTED THE AREA COMES, THE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO LEAVE. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT PARKS SHOULD NOT BE SET UP THAT WAY. MR. PINCKNEY SAID

THAT THE BJEOC HEADSTART PROGRAM HAS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHILDREN TO USE AND PEOPLE AT THE PARK ALSO USE IT BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ANY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE PARK. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THEY HAVE COME AS A GROUP TO REQUEST THAT THE WALK BE TABLED UNTIL THE ISSUES ARE DISCUSSED AND TO FIX THE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY MOVE FORWARD. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THEY DID NOT WANT THE COUNTY TO SPEND MONEY ON SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT WORK. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE COMMUNITY WANTED THE PARK TO GROW, BUT THEY WANTED A PLAN.

CARRIE FAIR SAID THAT THE JASPER COUNTY NORTHERN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ALSO DISCUSSED THE ISSUES OF THE JOGGING TRAIL AND THE NEED FOR A PACKAGE DEAL SO THAT THEIR PARK LOOKED LIKE SGT. JASPER PARK. MS. FAIR ADDRESSED THE AUDIENCE AND SAID THAT WHEN THE COMMUNITY MEETS, EVERYONE SHOULD BE INVOLVED. MS. FAIR ASKED FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WERE PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO RAISE THEIR HANDS AND THREE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE RAISED THEIR HANDS. MS. FAIR SAID SHE KNEW DR. HOOD AND MR. BLACKSHEAR MET AND HAD DINNER WITH A FEW PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THINGS ARE SOMETIMES PART POLITICAL. MS. FAIR STATED THAT SHE WAS PROUD TO SEE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THERE AND NOW THERE WERE TANKS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY WATER, BUT SHE ASKED HOW THEY COULD HAVE BEEN INSTALLED WITHOUT THE PARK PEOPLE BEING INVOLVED. MS. FAIR SAID SHE WAS HAPPY FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION, BUT NOW PEOPLE WANT TO DIG A POND FOR DRAINAGE AND SHE ASKED WHO INITIATED THIS MEETING. MS. FAIR SAID THAT BIDS FOR THE JOGGING AND WALKING TRAIL HAVE BEEN DONE, BUT WHY SPEND MONEY INSTALLING TANKS IF THE PARK PEOPLE WERE NOT CONSULTED. MS. FAIR SAID NO ONE APPOINTED HER THE LEADER, SHE VOLUNTEERED TO DO IT. SHE CONTINUED, THAT THEY WANT THE SAME THINGS AND THAT THEY WANT AN ORGANIZATION BUILT ON A STRONG FOUNDATION AND THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN. MS. FAIR SAID SHE KNOWS SHE IS OUTSPOKEN, ASSERTIVE AND SHE PRESSES ON TO THE FINISH. MS. FAIR SAID THEY WANTED A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY WITH FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION AND PARKS. MS. FAIR SAID THE COUNTY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB AND IF THE OTHER COMMITTEE WANTS TO TAKE THE CREDIT, THEY CAN TAKE IT, ALL HER COMMITTEE WANTED WAS WHAT WAS BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY. MS. FAIR SAID THEY KNEW IN 1966 ABOUT THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM AND WHY DID THEY WAIT UNTIL NOW TO ADDRESS IT. MS. FAIR SAID THE WORK AT THE ROBERTVILLE SCHOOL WAS DONE AND IT WAS DONE WITH TAX PAYERS' MONEY AND WHATEVER IS DONE SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE OPEN FOR OTHERS TO HAVE INPUT. MS. FAIR SAID THEY WANTED TO BUILD THE COMMUNITY UP AND THEY MUST COME TOGETHER, MS. FAIR SAID IT IS NOT ABOUT YOU, AND IT WAS NOT ABOUT HER.

MORRIS LAWYER SAID HE LISTENED TO THE TWO INDIVIDUALS AND A DIVISION IN THE COMMUNITY IS NOT HOW TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS. MR. LAWYER SAID EVERYONE HERE WANTS TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY. MR. LAWYER SAID HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN JASPER COUNTY NORTHERN NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION AND SAID PART OF THEIR AGENDA WAS TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND IF THEY CAN, HE IS WITH THEM. MR. LAWYER SAID THAT PARKS AND RECREATION ARE A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND IT SHOULD NOT MATTER WHAT LEADER DOES WHAT AND IT SHOULD NOT TEAR THE COMMUNITY APART. MR. LAWYER COMMENTED THAT HE HAS WORKED WITH MR. DAVIS WITH THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM AND HE HAS NEVER CARED ABOUT WHO WAS IN CHARGE, BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE JASPER COUNTY HAVE A PLAN DONE FOR THE PARK AND PRESENT IT TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. MR. LAWYER SAID THE FUNDS THEY HAVE FOR THE PARK SHOULD BE USED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. MR. LAWYER SAID THAT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER YOU CAN COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE, BUT WHEN YOU ARE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL YOU NEED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND BUILD WHAT IS NEEDED AND WORK TOGETHER. MR. LAWYER SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR EVERYONE.

HERBERT PINCKNEY, PRESIDENT OF THE ROBERTVILLE PRECINCT, SAID HE HEARD EVERYONE SPEAK OF PROGRESS, BUT THE MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THERE IS NOT A LONG RANGE PLAN FOR THE PARK AND A PLAN NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE AND THAT THEY NEED INPUT FROM EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY SO THAT EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT TO PUT THE WALK IN NOW, MAY INTERFERE WITH FUTURE PLANS. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT HERE TO FIGHT, BUT TO ASK THAT A PLAN BE DEVELOPED FOR THE PARK AND HE FELT THINGS COULD BE DONE IN DECENT ORDER.

CARRIE FAIR ASKED THAT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS BE OPENED UP TO EVERYONE AND SHE ASKED FOR THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING SO THAT EVERYONE COULD BE PART OF THE MEETING.

MR. MURPHY SAID THEY CAME BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE TO LET THEM KNOW THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE ABOUT PUTTING THE WALK IN NOW, AND IT MAY NEED TO BE TORN UP IN A YEAR. MR. MURPHY SAID A PLAN WAS NEEDED AND THINGS NEEDED TO BE CHECKED OUT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT IS BEING DONE IS BEING DONE CORRECTLY. MR. MURPHY SAID THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME SO THAT IT WILL LAST.

SHIRLEY ORR ASKED WHY THEY WAITED UNTIL THE WALK WAS APPROVED TO BRING THIS TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION.

MR. MURPHY RESPONDED THAT IF IT IS PUT IN NOW, IT WON'T BE THERE IN SIX MONTHS.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO HEAR THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE PARK AND THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

COMMITTEE HAS NO CONTROL OVER COMMUNITY ISSUES. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THEY NEEDED TO BRING TO COUNCIL WHAT THEY PROPOSE FOR THE COUNCIL, THE STAFF, AND ENGINEERS TO REVIEW. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THOSE ITEMS WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THE COST ALSO NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT THE CITIZENS IN THAT AREA WANT FOR THE PARK. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID A POND COULD SERVE TWO PURPOSES, ONE TO PROVIDE WATER FOR THE TANKERS AND ALSO FOR DRAINAGE. SHIRLEY ORR ASKED AGAIN WHY THEY WERE ONLY HEARING ABOUT THESE THINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEES HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY NEED TO SETTLE THEM.

MR. PINCKNEY SAID THE COMMUNITY NEEDED TO THANK JAMES WILLIAMS FOR KEEPING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN AND HE SAID THE POND AND TANKS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED FOR OVER 20 YEARS. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT WHEN THE WALK WAS DISCUSSED MR. DAVIS SAID HE WOULD APPLY FOR A GRANT AND WHEN THE GRANT WAS AWARDED, THEY LOOKED AT THE AREA AND SAW PROBLEMS. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT SISTER JAMES REQUESTED THE WALK OVER 3 YEARS AGO. MR. PINCKNEY SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WERE ANNOUNCED AT THE CHURCHES. MS. FAIR COMMENTED THAT A MEETING SHOULD NOT BE CALLED UNLESS THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE KNOWS ABOUT THE MEETING.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT AS A COUNCIL MEMBER HE MUST LISTEN TO ALL THE CITIZENS' REQUESTS. MS. FAIR SAID THAT ONE OR TWO PEOPLE DO NOT REPRESENT EVERYONE AND THE MEETINGS NEED TO BE OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

IRENE GREEN SAID SHE HAS LIVED BEHIND THE ROBERTVILLE CENTER FOR 60 YEARS AND THE WATER PROBLEMS NEED TO BE WORKED ON AND THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM ALSO NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON. MS. GREEN ASKED WHY PUT SOMETHING THERE THAT IS GOING TO WASH AWAY. MS. GREEN SAID A DRAINAGE SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN PLACE FIRST BEFORE ANYTHING IS INSTALLED. MS. GREEN SAID SHE WOULD LIKE SOMETHING THERE THAT WILL STILL BE THERE IN THE FUTURE. MS. GREEN ASKED THAT A STUDY BE DONE TO MAKE SURE THINGS ARE BEING BUILT ON SOLID GROUND.

DR. HOOD COMMENTED THAT MS. FAIR SAID HE HAD DINNER AND A MEETING AND FOR THE RECORD HE WANTED IT NOTED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE DINNER, HE JUST ATTENDED A MEETING.

MS. VIRGINA MARTIN SAID SHE LIVED IN FRONT OF THE ROBERTVILLE CENTER AND IT IS IN A VERY LOW AREA AND A DRAINAGE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE. SHE CONTINUED THAT THE WATER STAYS THERE BECAUSE THERE IS NO PLACE FOR IT TO DRAIN TO AND A CEMENT WALK WILL SINK IF THE DRAINAGE IS NOT ADDRESSED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ON COUNCIL FOR 8 YEARS AND THIS WAS NEVER DISCUSSED AT A COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID A PLAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE ANY MONEY WAS SPENT AT THE ROBERTVILLE CENTER. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE WAS SHOCKED WHEN SHE HEARD THAT THERE WAS NO WATER AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SHE WAS AWARE THAT THE SCHOOL ALWAYS HAD SEPTIC TANK PROBLEMS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW WHY THIS COMMITTEE HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLAN AND SHE ASKED CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR TO GO TO THE PARK WITH HER SO THAT THEY COULD EVALUATE THE SITUATION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY A SIDEWALK OR A GRAVEL DRIVEWAY WOULD EVER BE PUT IN THAT WAY AND SHE NEEDED ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES QUESTIONED WHY THE COUNCIL WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT WAS BEING DONE WITH TAXPAYERS' MONEY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED THAT JOHNNY DAVIS AND A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY GO TO THE PARK WITH HER AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS A PLAN FROM MR. DAVIS AND THE STAFF AS TO WHAT IS BEING DONE THERE.

MORRIS LAWYER SAID THAT DRAINAGE IS A PROBLEM ALL OVER THE COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY DUG CANALS AND THERE IS STILL A DRAINAGE PROBLEM. MR. MORRIS COMMENTED THAT THEY WANT THE PARK TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND AN ENGINEER IS NEEDED TO TELL THEM WHAT IS NEEDED AND WHAT CAN BE DONE PRIOR TO ANY MONEY BEING SPENT. MR. LAWYER SAID HE JOINED THE JASPER COUNTY NORTHERN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO HELP BRING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO DIVIDE THE COMMUNITY. MR. LAWYER SAID THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO WORK TOGETHER AS ONE GROUP AND DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO DUMP OR DRAIN WATER ONTO SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY. MR. MORRIS SAID HE APPRECIATES THE COMMITTEE COMING TO ROBERTVILLE TO SEE THAT A GOOD PARK IS BUILT THERE.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR COMMENTED THAT HE HAS BEEN ON COUNCIL FOR FOUR YEARS AND WHEN THEY FIRST TALKED ABOUT RECREATION, ALL EVERYONE EVER WANTED WAS BASKETBALL COURTS AND HOOPS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WANTED TO DO WHAT WAS RIGHT AND FAIR FOR ALL THE CITIZENS IN THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE AND DR. HOOD MET WITH MR. MURPHY AND THEY DID NOT KNOW IT WAS A COMMITTEE AND THAT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE AND THAT IS WHY THIS MEETING WAS CALLED SO THAT EVERYONE WOULD HAVE INPUT AND HE WAS NOT IN CAHOOTS WITH ANYONE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WOULD BE DONE AND THAT THIS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IF THE COMMUNITY WANTED IMPROVEMENTS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE IMPROVEMENTS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD NOT APPROVE ANY PLANS WITHOUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ONCE

THE COMMUNITY AGREES WITH THE PLANS THEN THEY WOULD COME BACK TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL BECAUSE THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT MEAN EVERY INDIVIDUAL, BUT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE.

JUANITA WHITE COMMENTED THAT JOHNNY DAVIS CAME UP WITH A PLAN FOR LEVY LIMEHOUSE AND THEN HE CAME TO THE COMMUNITY FOR DISCUSSION AND INPUT BEFORE HE BROUGHT THE PLAN TO COUNCIL.

JOHNNY DAVIS THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND HE TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOME OF THE PROBLEMS SINCE HE WAS DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION. MR. DAVIS SAID THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EMS DID CONTACT HIM AND TOLD HIM THAT HE NEEDED TO PUT TANKS BEHIND THE FIRE STATION TO MEET CODE AND HE SHOULD HAVE MET WITH HIM TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE TANKS. MR. DAVIS SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE DRAINAGE PROBLEM AND HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY. MR. DAVIS SAID THAT LAST YEAR A MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION WAS DONE AND PART OF THE PLAN INCLUDED INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITIES IN LEVY, CHERRY POINT, AND TARBORO. MR. DAVIS SAID THAT IN THE MASTER PLAN, SGT. JASPER PARK WAS THE CENTER OF THE WHEEL AND THE COMMUNITY CENTERS WERE THE SPOKES OF THE WHEEL AND THAT THEY WANTED TO DO THE SAME THING FOR EVERY PARK. MR. DAVIS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO UPGRADE EVERY FACILITY, HOWEVER, PARD MONEY COULD ONLY BE USED FOR NEW FACILITIES, NOT FOR REPAIRS. MR. DAVIS SAID HE WAS AMAZED AT HOW MUCH PROPERTY THERE WAS AT THE ROBERTVILLE PARK. MR. DAVIS SAID HE WOULD SET UP A MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT WHAT THE COUNTY DOES FOR ONE CENTER, THE COUNTY NEEDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OTHER CENTERS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT MR. DAVIS HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB WITH LITTLE LEADERSHIP AND THAT THEY NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD ON A PLAN OF WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE 15 ACRES AT ROBERTVILLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE PIECE BY PIECE, BUT IF THE COMMUNITY IS INVOLVED AND HELPS WITH THE LABOR, IT WOULD MOVE AHEAD MORE QUICKLY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES COMMENTED TO MR. WILLIAMS THAT THE AREA NEEDED MORE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT IF THEY WORKED TOGETHER AND THE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED, THE FASTER THINGS GET DONE AND EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WILL TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BECAUSE THROUGH THEIR LABOR THEY HAVE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROJECT.

IT WAS AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILWOMAN JONES, AND MR. DAVIS WOULD MEET WITH ONE PERSON FROM THE COMMUNITY ON NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AT THE PARK.

MR. DAVIS EXPLAINED THAT HE ONLY HAD 3 EMPLOYEES TO HANDLE THE MAINTENANCE AT ALL THE PARKS, COMMUNITY CENTERS AND BOAT LANDINGS, AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SUGGESTED HE GET WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND HAVE THEM HELP WITH THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MOWED THEIR AREA AT ROBERTVILLE AND MR. WILLIAMS SAID IT IS CONTRACTED OUT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE DID NOT THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD BE PAYING \$550.00 PER MONTH TO HAVE THE OUTSIDE MAINTAINED WHEN THERE WERE PAID FIREMEN ON DUTY AND NOT DOING ANYTHING.

MR. PINCKNEY SAID HE HAD 35 MINI BLINDS THAT HE WOULD DONATE TO THE CENTER IF MR DAVIS COULD GET THEM INSTALLED.

DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL SPACE AT THE ANNEX BUILDING:

MS. FRANK EXPLAINED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE FLOORS IN THE FILE ROOM HAVE NOT BEEN REINFORCED TO HANDLE THE HIGH DENSITY FILING SYSTEM THAT WAS PLANNED FOR THAT AREA. MS. FRANK PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF EMAIL WHERE THE SYSTEM WAS DISCUSSED NUMEROUS TIMES AS EARLY AS DECEMBER, 2006 WITH THE ARCHITECTS. THE COMMITTEE SAID THEY WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEE IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE.

MS. FRANK STATED THAT WHEN THE COMMITTEE TOURED THE ANNEX BUILDING, MR. FULGHUM POINTED OUT THAT THE CLERK WAS GOING TO USE THE SMALL MIDDLE OFFICE AND THE OFFICE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED FOR THE CLERK WOULD NOW BE THE FILE/COPY ROOM. MS. FRANK EXPLAINED THAT SHE REQUESTED THE CHANGE BECAUSE THE SMALLER ROOM WOULD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE FILE CABINETS, THE COPIER, WORKSPACE, AND CABINETS THAT NEEDED TO GO INTO THAT ROOM. ON THE ORIGINAL PLANS, THE CASEWORK FOR THE WORKSPACE WAS SHOWN ON THE DRAWINGS IN THE MIDDLE SMALLER ROOM AND THE BUILDER INSTALLED THEM ACCORDING TO THE PLANS, AS HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ROOM CHANGES. MS. FRANK REQUESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE ASK COUNCIL TO APPROVE THAT THE CASEWORK BE MOVED FROM THE MIDDLE OFFICE TO THE OFFICE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY THE CLERK'S OFFICE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WOULD MAKE THE REQUEST AT THE COUNCIL MEETING

THE MEETING ENDED AT 12:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN