

PLANNING BOARD MEETS

At its June meeting, the Planning Board considered the request of the John Yancey Corporation that the proposed ordinance regarding properties which are divided by a street be changed. The corporation feels that they should be allowed to make cumulative use of their property under those circumstances. The proposed ordinance, subject of public hearing last month, stated that each piece of such property be considered independently. That means that density requirements, limitations on land use, and setbacks apply to each piece. After consideration the Board agreed unanimously to recommend that the proposed ordinance not be changed.

They also recommended to the Commissioners, adoption of the change in the waterway ordinance and the tree pruning restriction to be added to the zoning ordinance.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

May activity of the CAC included approval of four CO's, 5 tree removals, 11 additions to properties, 2 new homes.

Plans for relandscaping property on which trees were removed without authorization is in negotiation with members Audrey Hoffmeyer and Erma Johnson.

Art Miller was elected vice-chairman of the Commission.

FROM THE CHIEF

*AUTO THEFT

- Auto theft is a big business and "pros" can get into and steal a car in a few seconds.
- Always lock vehicles, even at home.
- Never leave the engine running when the vehicle is unattended.
- Never leave the keys in motor vehicles.
- Always try to park in well lit areas or in areas where the vehicle will be observed by as many people as possible.
- Mark items such as CB radios, stereos, and speakers with an engraving pen and a N.C. Driver's License number.
- Try to keep valuables out of plain view. Lock items in the trunk or hide them under the seat if no trunk is available.
- If the worst happens, have a good description of your vehicle and the license number available to give to police. Report any stolen vehicles as soon as you discover they have been taken.

*BICYCLE THEFT

- Bicycles should have a N.C. Drivers License number or other identification number engraved on the frame.
- It is best never to leave your bike unattended. Try to always store it inside in a safe place. If you cannot store it inside, protect it from theft with a good chain and lock.
- Avoid leaving even a locked bike in a public area overnight.

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