

Start date on Morrisville-Carpenter realignment delayed

Realignment of Morrisville-Carpenter Road and construction of its proposed new intersection with N.C. 54 may not be realized until the end of the year.

Town Manager Bill Cobey told the Morrisville Board of Commissioners Feb. 12 that the North Carolina Department of Transportation has given a new schedule to the work, estimating a completion date by Nov. 15 instead of

sometime in mid-July.

Cobey had originally reported that the state planned to begin work on the road alignment sometime this month. "As is the case, so many times in such matters," he said, "changes in time occur and now construction is expected to begin June 1." Cobey said the new route will be constructed in front of fire headquarters to connect with Aviation Parkway.

"I'll feel fortunate if it is completed by the end of the year," Cobey added.

The area where Morrisville-Carpenter Road meets N.C. 54 in a deep slope between the highway and the railroad tracks has been a safety concern for both the state and town. The project includes development of a major intersection with traffic signals and left-hand turning lanes. N.C. 54 will also be

raised about three feet as it reaches the intersection to eliminate the present slope from the level of Morrisville-Carpenter to N.C. 54.

That has brought concern to Dot and Billy K. Hartness, who have lived in a large colonial home on N.C. 54 since 1978. The house sits close to the southeast corner where Aviation Parkway meets N.C. 54.

Hartness said his home will be

quite close to the new intersection and when N.C. 54 is raised, he's concerned someone will "run off the road and end up on our front porch." He said he would like a guard rail installed. "I spoke to Leonard Scarborough from the state and he suggested a petition by you (the commissioners) to the State DOT requesting a guard rail would be appropriate," Hartness said.

Mayor Margaret Broadwell told him the realignment came about as a safety issue rather than traffic flow and that as such it would seem appropriate. The matter was left to the commissioners for study.

Cost of the realignment and new intersection is estimated at \$1 million, with \$165,000 coming from the Town of Morrisville and the balance from the state and federal railroad safety funds.

Cineplex planned at future Morrisville shopping center

Enjoy going to the movies? Chances are if you live in this area, you'll be heading for ParkPlace Shopping Center in Morrisville by the time autumn's leaves start to fall.

You'll be able to catch a first-run feature at the Carmike cineplex, which will be the largest movie theater in North Carolina. Phase One of the new 30-acre shopping center will have opened, complete with 16 screens in a state-of-the-art building on an 8.9-acre site.

But watching a movie isn't all that will be offered. Conveniently located at the intersection of N.C.

54 and the planned extension of Cary Parkway, the new shopping center will house all the amenities expected in today's major retail centers, including a supermarket, drugstore and bank.

Steven A. Brown, director of leasing for the Raleigh-based Kane Realty Corp., which will lease and manage the overall 200,000-square-foot retail center being developed by Atlantic RealVest, said the only tenant presently under contract is Carmike, the nation's largest theater chain which has more than 300 screens in North Carolina and 2,367 in 31 states.

"While it is premature to report on Phase Two, since no agreements have been signed, we are getting good response," he said. "We are also working on filling the eight outparcels that are available. Phase One, anchored by the theater, is targeted to open sometime in the fall, with construction of Phase Two starting about that time and opening in late spring of 1997.

Why would a giant like Carmike select a site in such a small town? "It speaks well of Morrisville and development of the area," said Richard E. Rowe, director of development for Kane. He told Morrisville commissioners the company

usually locates in municipalities with 50,000 to 100,000 populations. Morrisville has 2,000. But its access to major roads and anticipated growth, especially the expected completion of Cary Parkway in about 18 months, led the company to select the site. He likened it to up-scale, high-end projects similar to those in Preston.

The theater chain, where annual sales are reported at \$324 million, is currently building its only other similarly-sized cinema in Myrtle Beach, S.C. "They certainly do their demographics and studies beforehand," Rowe said during a meeting with town officials.

Sign ups continuing for spring sports

There is still time to register for various sports activities being offered by Town of Morrisville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

Adult softball registration continues through March 25 for both men's and co-rec leagues. The team fee is \$350 plus \$20 for each player who is a non-resident.

Adult softball play begins the week of April 22. Games and practices will be held Monday through Thursday at Morrisville Elementary School.

Adult basketball registration continues through March 9 for a men's open-corporate league. Fees are the same as softball.

The league, which will be limited to 16 teams, opens the week of March 18 and continues through May 14. Games and practices will

be held at Davis Drive Middle School Monday through Thursday.

Non-residents may register for youth baseball through March 4. The fee is \$25. The deadline for residents to register was Feb. 19.

Baseball practice for boys and girls ages 9-12 begins the week of March 25 and play begins the week of April 15. Practice for boys and girls ages 5-9 starts the week of April 29 and play starts the week of May 20.

The department also is seeking volunteer coaches for the youth baseball leagues, scorekeepers and field supervisors for youth and adult athletic programs, and lifeguards for the summer swim program.

Additional information on all recreation activities can be obtained by calling 469-9760.

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