

Board denies developer's request to modify ordinance

City Council sided with the Planning and Zoning Board Tuesday night in rejecting developer Mike Brown's proposal to modify a subdivision ordinance.

Specifically, Brown wants to build family residences in Brown Meadows Subdivision off Chestnut Ridge Road and wants either the state or the city to maintain the roads but both have refused.

At last Tuesday's planning board meeting, members agreed they believed Brown entered into a valid contract in 1994 for the initial investment in a 31 foot wide road which was later reduced to a 24 foot wide road.

"The only fact that has changed is who will maintain the road long term and it is

staff's opinion that the construction savings realized from reducing a 31 foot wide road to a 24 or even to 18 feet without curb and guttering could be applied by Brown to the maintenance of the road until it is taken over by the city through an annexation," said Planning Director Steve Killian.

"Private citizens can and do maintain roads until they are taken over by a city or state."

Killian said a letter from retired Planning Director Gene White July 14, 1994 explaining the City Council's concession on road standards that stipulated that Brown would have to pave the road prior to building on the interior lots.

Brown denied the existence of a memorandum.

"When we signed off on these

lots I told the city 10 years ago when I first built that subdivision that the extra lots were for my kids," said Brown.

"My daughter is getting married and I want to build her house soon and my son also plans to build nearby."

Brown said if the city will take over maintenance of the road he will pave the road.

"This is the first subdivision I built in Kings Mountain and I admit I made some mistakes," he said.

Lou Ballew suggested that Brown pave the road and then seek voluntary annexation by the city so that the city would accept the road.

But Brown says he isn't interested, nor are his neighbors in the area, in voluntary annexation by Kings Mountain.

Brown said he sought satellite annexation a number of years ago when he spent \$120,000 in the subdivision but "the city didn't want us."

Ballew said voluntary annexation is the way to go.

Jim Guyton said Brown would have to pave the road before the city could issue permits and probably permits should not have been issued years ago.

But Guyton said the planning board had to treat every developer alike. "We will be setting a precedent if we make this change. We are dealing with the very reason we have subdivision regulations and we need to think long and hard about our recommendation to Council," Guyton said.

Subdivision plans approved

A final plan for Phase 4 of the Logan Park Subdivision has been approved by the city.

Steve Killian, city planning director, said nine new lots have been created that will front a state maintained road, seven in the new portion of the development and two in the older section.

Killian said the State Department of Transportation has received preliminary construction plans for the road. Killian said the developer,

Andy Neisler, will maintain the road until the state takes over the road after inspection. Killian said the City of Kings Mountain runs water to the development.

"Mr. Neisler has done everything by the book and I want to recognize him for his willingness to meet the requirements of the city's subdivision ordinance," said Killian at the recent meeting.

Logan Park Subdivision is located on Margrace Road.

Obituaries

W.M. MAUNEY

CHARLOTTE - William Murphy Mauney, 72, of Charlotte, nephew of Ila Morrow McIntyre of Kings Mountain, died August 22, 1997 at Mercy Hospital following extended illness.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. by Rev. G. Thomas Tate at Wilson Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park.

Born in Gaston County, he was the son of the late Sidney William and Bessie Murphy Mauney. A graduate of the Charlotte Technical High School class of 1943, Mauney retired after 40 years as an engineer from CSZ Railroad. He was a member of Plaza Presbyterian Church and the fellowship Sunday School class.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Mabel Mauney Cook.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred Stegall Mauney; two sons, William Edward of Charlotte and Keith Allen Mauney of Los Colinas, Texas; one daughter, Glenda Kincaid McAlexander and her husband John Aaron McAlexander of Charlotte; one sister, Evelyn Griffith of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren, Ian McAlexander, Erma Hopkins, Jacob Mauney, Brian Mauney and Myra Mauney and two aunts, Mrs. Ila McIntyre of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Helen McGinnis of Crouse.

Memorials may be made to Plaza Presbyterian Church, 2304

The Plaza, Charlotte, 28205 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Wilson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GRIER ROYSTER

BLACKSBURG, S.C. - Grier Lee Royster, 84, 505 West Lime Street, died Monday, August 25, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

He was the son of the late John Bunyan and Annie P. Blalock Royster. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Hamrick Royster; brother, George Royster; and sisters, Doris Moritz and Bertie R. Justice. He was a retired textile worker, a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, and a member of Hopewell Baptist Church.

He is survived by his stepsons, Larry Hester of Blacksburg; Lloyd Hester of Lincolnton, and Doug Hester of Bergin, NJ; daughters, Glenda Dings of Grover and Celeste Rooks of Blacksburg; stepdaughter, Ruth Elliott of Lincolnton; brothers, Frank Royster of Blacksburg and Bill Royster of Chapel Hill; sister, Janelle Carmack of Hermiston, Oregon; 23 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Paul Sorrells at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Arson suspected in house fire near Grover

Kings Mountain firemen helped battle a blaze in an outbuilding on Highway 216 South near Grover last Tuesday that also melted the vinyl siding and telephone lines on a frame house.

Fire Chief Frank Burns said a juvenile is suspected of setting the fire which started in an outbuilding full of hay and straw.

Firemen from Grover and Bethlehem Fire Departments and the American Red Cross disaster van also responded to the fire and the Kings Mountain and Rescue Squads also responded.

Burns estimated damages at \$15,000.

Last Wednesday a smoke alarm sounded in the hallway

of a home in Waco and roused Virgie Mae Carter and her family and they escaped the burning house

The fire started from a short in a ceiling light in a child's playroom. Oak Grove and Waco Fire Departments responded at 11:09 a.m. to 226 Green Meadows Road.

Cleveland County Fire Inspector Perry Davis said heavy smoke was already showing when firemen arrived. He said damage may not have been so extensive if the call had

come sooner. Because the telephone at the home was disconnected and nearby neighbors were not at home, Rodney Carter ran about a half mile up the gravel road to find a telephone. "The lapse in time gave the fire time to intensify," said the fireman.

Two of the family's five pets died of smoke inhalation.

It was the second time that fire tragedy struck the Waco family. Phillip, one of Mrs. Carter's five sons, died in a mobile home fire in Bessemer City in 1985.

PATRICK

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seeking nor expecting public recognition," said his son, Larry Patrick.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are one daughter, Barbara Patrick of Myrtle Beach, SC; two sons, Henry Lawrence "Larry" Patrick Jr. and Gilbert Hambright Patrick and his wife Janie McCants Patrick, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, Paul Patrick of Charleston, SC; and one sister, Betty Patrick Merritt of Roanoke, Va.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Richard Newsome at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. The service included music by The Graham (NC) High School

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she works for Petroleum World, school personnel at West School and the Middle School, and nurses and doctors have sustained them.

Steven was a big hit with his nurses at the hospital and designed Christmas cards with their pictures last year. "We stayed in Room 212 so much that we felt like it was home," said his mother.

Steven may be facing another surgery but for now things are going well for the young man. "This hill is getting a little steep to climb," he said as he climbed the hill from the waterfront where the construction was going on. His dog was behind him

all the way.

"We thought Steven had an inflamed tonsil and learned that it was a rare form of cancer," said Mrs. Davis. Steven had been in good health and never complained.

He still doesn't complain, says his mom. He enjoyed meeting NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon when he was in the hospital last year and likes being spoiled by his big family.

"We live each day as it comes," says his mother.

Steven returns to the hospital for a scan next week but on a beautiful summer day Friday he wasn't thinking doctors and hospitals.

"This is great, just great," he said over and over as he watched his Make A Wish come true.

CRUSADE

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the crusade committee was short \$5600 of its \$29,000 budget but reached it when the offering plates were passed, said Crusade Chairman Ronnie Hawkins. Proceeds from the remainder of the week will be earmarked for further work of the Strack evangelistic crusades. Family Night was Tuesday night and Youth Night is

Thursday. More than 400 young people attended a youth rally earlier in the week with 24 youth accepting Christ and 24 recommitting their lives to God. At Sunday's opening crusade 12 people went to the altar and 21 people rededicated their lives.

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