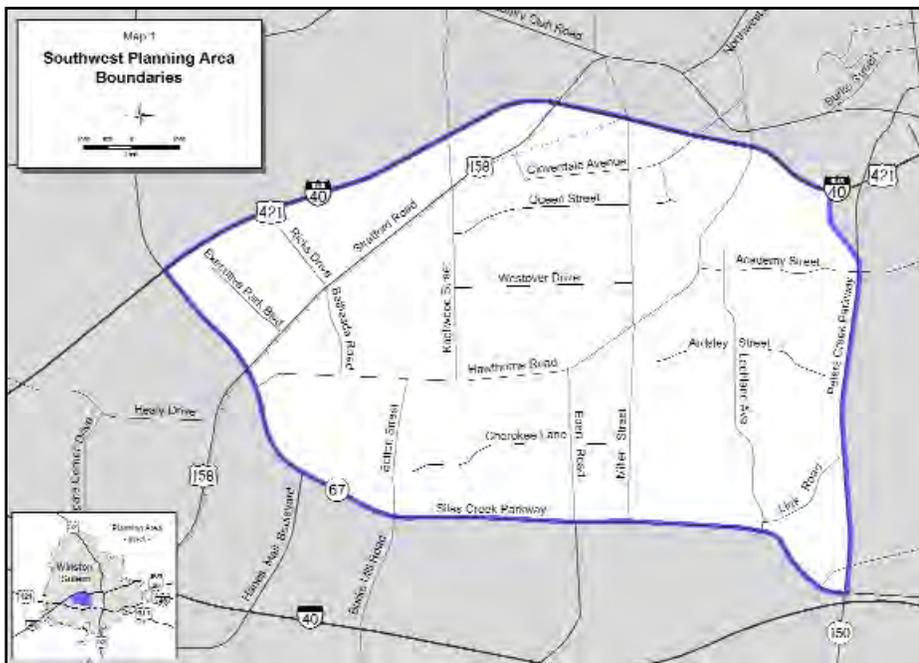


Southwest Winston-Salem Area Plan Now in Process



The Southwest Winston-Salem Area Plan bounded on the north by Business 40/US 421, on the east by Peters Creek Parkway, and on the south and west by Silas Creek Parkway has been underway since September. The Planning Area encompasses 2274 acres and includes the Hanestown, Ardmore, and Biltmore neighborhoods. A Visioning meeting was held on September 30 where the community was encouraged to share their insights about their community with planning staff. About 60 residents attended and participated in small group sessions where they were asked what they like about their neighborhood, what they think needs to be improved, and most importantly, what they want their community to look like in the future. These discussions become the future Vision that will

serve as the basis for recommendations to be included in the Area Plan. A Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) has been formed which is made up of residents and other stakeholders with an interest in the Planning Area. The CAC met on October 16 for an Orientation Meeting and will be working with planning staff to assist with the formation of goals and objectives for the Plan. The planning staff is also working with an Interdepartmental Committee made up of several City departments to get input on a variety of issues.

In the months to come, planning staff will draft recommendations based on the Vision, the goals

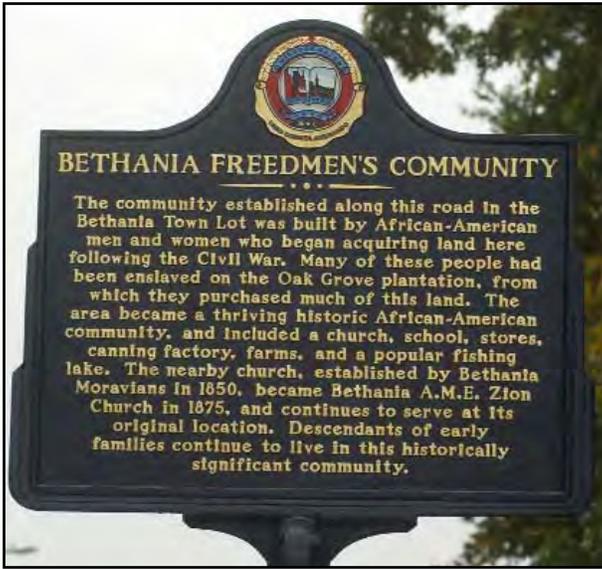
and objectives created by the CAC, input from the Interdepartmental Committee, recommendations from *Legacy*, the Comprehensive Plan for Forsyth County, and other adopted long-range plans. Recommendations are made for topics such as land use, transportation, historic preservation, community character and design, community facilities, and economic development. The CAC will review the recommendations after they are drafted. When the review is complete, the Plan will be taken out to the entire community for additional review.

The Plan will go to the City-County Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendation to the elected body, then to the City Council for another public hearing and adoption. Recommendations contained in the Plan are reviewed on an annual basis to determine their status.



A Citizens' Advisory Committee

Winston-Salem's Newest Historic Marker



On October 25, 2008, the Historic Resources Commission held a historic marker unveiling ceremony for the Bethania Freedmen's Community. This is the 16th marker to be placed in the City's Historic Marker program.

Council Member Nelson Malloy Jr. officiated at the well-attended ceremony which included many descendants of the early families who still live in the area. Approximately 50 people listened as he reminded everyone of the significance of this community, founded immediately following the Civil War by African-Americans who were previously enslaved on the Oak Grove Plantation.

The once thriving community consisted of a church, school, stores, a canning factory, farms and a popular fishing lake on land that was mostly purchased from Oak Grove. In addition, a nearby church became the Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church in 1875. Today, it continues to serve in its original location.

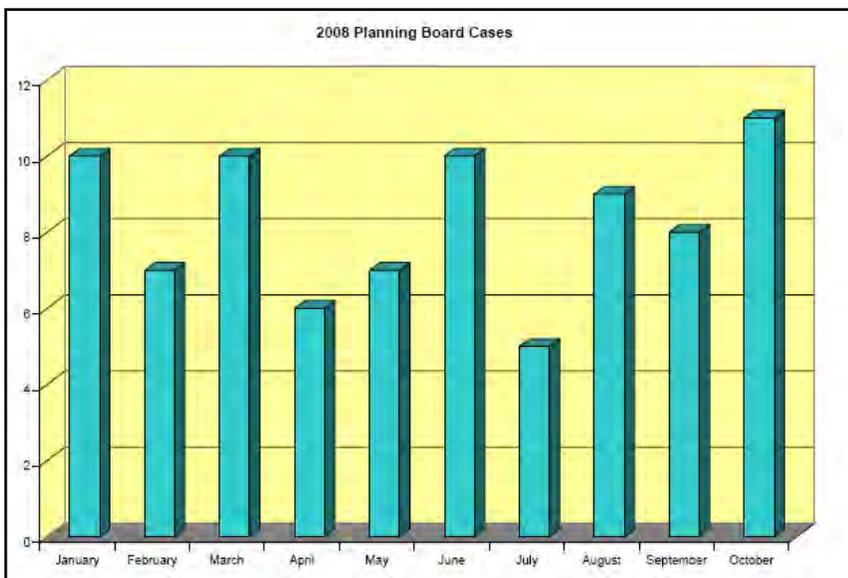


About 50 people attended the historic marker dedication Saturday, October 25, for the Bethania Freedmen's Community.

City-County Planning Board Case Numbers

As we close in on the end of 2008, there is no doubt that the condition of the national economy is on everyone's mind. And, like all other areas in our state, development has slowed in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. However, October brought the highest number of reviews by the City-County Planning Board year-to-date. Overall, there have

been 83 cases heard by the Planning Board in the first ten months of 2008. These cases include rezonings, Special Use Permits, Planning Board Reviews, and subdivisions. November maintains this caseload trend, which helps to show us that our community is continuing to move forward positively, even in these unsure times.



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