

Phase III of the Forsyth County Architectural Survey Begins



Parkway United Church of Christ, designed by Southern Pines architect Edmund James Austin and constructed in 1960, was one of Winston-Salem's first Modernist churches.

The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, in conjunction with the City-County Planning Board and the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, has been updating the 1980 survey of historic architectural resources in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The survey update has involved the photography of historic buildings and sites throughout the county and the collection of related historical background information. The project will serve to better help in managing

growth and development while still protecting and promoting our historic resources.

Heather Fearnbach, an architectural historian with Fearnbach History Services, is the survey's principal investigator. The survey's purpose has been to identify and record the full range of historic resources that contribute to Forsyth County's unique character. A wide range of buildings were surveyed, some of National Register of Historic

Places quality, but also many others that provide a context of our community's character and history.

The goals of this phase are to document overall development patterns from the 1930s through the 1960s and to survey representative and significant examples of domestic, religious, commercial, and industrial buildings from the period. The survey's third and final phase began in January 2009.

Planning Board Finds Success With UDO Revisions

Until recently, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County *Unified Development Ordinances* (UDO) was like most other conventional, suburban-oriented codes found in communities across the country. Both Planning staff and the Planning Board recognized that the outdated planning concepts required by our UDO made it impossible to accommodate the mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development the community desired. Rather than adopt a completely new development ordinance, however, the Board and staff decided to rewrite various outdated sections of the ordinance piece-by-piece. These individual changes have built

upon each other over time, and our community now has a code that includes many provisions which encourage retention of agricultural areas with agricultural tourism; mixed-use development; infill development; reuse of existing property; pedestrian-oriented design; and an urban form of development. Recent ordinance amendments that have facilitated these changes include: revisions to the MU-S, CI, GB, and PB Zoning Districts; revisions to the Planned Residential Development (PRD) use; reductions to minimum parking standards; and, adoption of the Residential Infill Ordinance.

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Efforts United to Improve Emergency Response Time Throughout Forsyth County

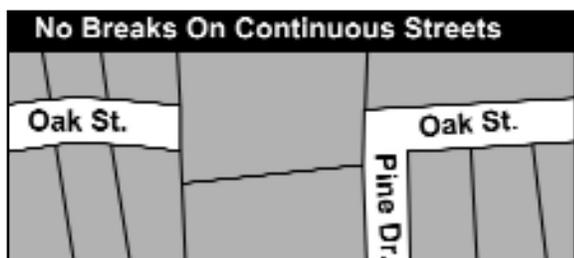
On November 11, 2008, three members of the Planning staff met with a small group of residential subdivision developers at the Home Builders Association Winston-Salem offices to discuss policies being developed by the Addressing Committee. The Addressing Committee is a group made up of City, County, and Small Town and Emergency Service Staff, and other government staff. The Committee is currently in the process of developing policies that will improve emergency response times

throughout the community. At the November meeting, Planning staff shared some of the rationale for the draft policies. The ensuing discussion and comments were then shared with the Addressing Committee at their February meeting.

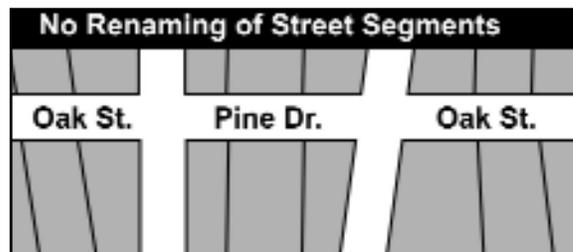
This was the first “brown bag” lunch held by the Planning staff and came about as a result of one of the recommendations of last year’s Customer Service Review of the Planning Office by consultant Paul Zucker. The lunches are intended

to be informal, bringing together various customer groups in order to discuss development ideas, concerns, and upcoming policy changes.

Following this very successful first meeting, everyone expressed their appreciation for being included in the discussion, and agreed that others should be planned. Therefore, a second meeting on a different topic with another customer group is in the works for mid-winter, with more following after that.



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