

CAROLINA TRACE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:00 pm

Agenda

1) Call to order David Smoak

2) Approval of February 2022 minutes. **Approved.**

3) Groups

i) CTCC Raymond Reyes

Raymond will be on every CTA call going forward. He has been with CTCC for four years. Wants the club to be more of a part of the community with upcoming events. He stated he is passionate about this position. He will be working on better communication between the club, it's members and the community.

ii) Utilities Vince Roy

Nothing new.

iii) Fire Dept Chief Myers

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There have been 65 calls already this year, so it has been a very busy couple of months. There were 235 calls total last year. They are working on the budget. There will be some increases in line items, but the housing boom will likely incur no increase in taxes. The First Health EMS truck is there 24/7. The Chief welcomes any input from the community. David wants the CTVFD Newsletter attached to CTA's meeting minutes in the future.

4) President Remarks David Smoak

David's President's remarks were exclusively dedicated to the lowering of Lake Trace and the issues surrounding it. He stated he will continue to argue in support of it for the future.

5) Financial Report Candace Cochran

Quarter Two dues were emailed to Treasurers. Taxes were completed and mailed February 25th. CTA uses First Horizon Bank.

6) Secretary Remarks Kelly Dorman

Mike Dussault was granted a waiver for Conflict of interest.

7) Committee Reports

a) Security & Safety

Kate Woods

The resident gate is opening faster at the Main Gate. The committee is looking for updated R&Rs and Bylaws on POA websites. They are in the process of updating procedures to compile all e-stickers into one.

A motion for a \$100 reward to help identify the perpetrator who hit the North Gate with a truck was passed. Will be available for Sheriff to post.

An ambulance attempted to get in the North Gate and got stuck. Fire trucks can get in no problem. They are checking the frequencies for siren operations.

The topic of racial profiling at the Main Gate was brought up again from last month's report. Residents are provided EVERY opportunity to get contractors in to do work.

b) Traceway Roads & Maintenance

Mike Dussault

Completed

- 1) Bridge inspection. Good news that no work is pressing.
- 2) Media/TV installed at North and South exits.
- 3) Pruning of crepe myrtles gatehouse to Rt. 87.
- 4) Pruning of crepe myrtles South Exit. (Ron and Deb Moeller)
- 5) Planter section South exit at Cox Mills Rd. (Peggy Hudson and Susan Violon)
- 6) Asphalt work patch repair at North exit.

Upcoming

- 1) Structural surroundings around the media sign at the front gate.
- 2) Shade cover on South exit media/tv.
- 3) Asphalt work at several locations along Traceway. (Front end entrance expansion / U-turn / Lakeview intersection / Eagles Nest / Drainage on sides of Traceway) (Mike Dussault)
- 4) Additional signage at Southside loading / unloading area / North and South exits.
- 5) Bridge inspection review.
- 6) Long Range planning budget 10 years. (Dave Thomas)
- 7) Planning for adding fish to the lake and carp to several ponds. (Ernie Patterson and Al Zulich)
- 8) Removal of large bushes in the middle across from the bus area.

9) Replacement gate at North Exit.

10) Lake depth indicator around bridges and other locations in Lake Trace. (Ernie Patterson)

11) Drainage issues at Chelsea.

12) Spring Landscaping planning.

The back gates are under scrutiny by the State of NC. NCDOT engineers are involved. High traffic is backing up Cox Mill Road at the North Gate at various times. NC can shut that gate down if it is not moved further in to allow for more vehicles. The South Gate will be upgraded with the now existing North Gate. A motion was made to set aside \$30,000 for this project and was approved by all Directors.

c) Traceway Lake and Dam Committee

David Smoak

Meetings are scheduled with Escalante this week. They intend to complete the work the State has proposed to include tree removal, bush removal and concrete work on the dam. Any monies asked of CTA, David will bring to the CTA board for a vote.

Just to clarify: the State owns the water in Lake Trace which is part of the Upper Little River (Cape Fear River tributary) with the Army Corps of Engineers involved. Escalante owns the land under the lake.

9) Old Business **Nothing.**

10) New Business

For POAs who are looking to accept credit card payments for dues, etc., the Treasurer of Laurel Thicket, Len Ruemker, recommended setting up a Square account.

11) Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7 pm**

12) Adjournment