

**Woodlands Board
Meeting
Sept. 11, 2010**

Attendees: Ed Wohlers, Joe Casey, Judy Jarvis, Elsie Witt, Kay Ready, Brian Rower, Steve McElster, neighbor, Justin Wedel, neighbor and candidate for WC City Council

McDonald's Update:

- Board discussion
- Joe reported that he has met with members of the WC Planning commission
- Traffic study by WC will be done the end of Sept.; paid for by McDonald's Corp.
- Steve contacted Lawson on planning commission who also works for the law firm that wrote the statement representing McDonald's request to locate at Oak Grove Road and Citrus Avenue
- Cindy Silva, City Council, said that public opinion cannot be taken into consideration for the request for use of private property
- Kish Rajan, City Council, said that community input is important
- Venues for consideration are traffic, public health, esthetics, and arbor and neighborhood concerns should address these issues
- We need to consider what the city will use to oppose this land use
- Board needs to be the neighborhood voice and the meeting on September 25 for all neighbors will guide our voice
- Judy asked how do we write a petition?
- Ed said we need to ask the community what they want, and until the community speaks, we must remain neutral and gather information

Community Forum:

- Sept. 25 will be an open forum with everyone having the opportunity to speak/give opinion
- Joe suggested we put together an email announcement of who will attend, where to send in questions and opinions and that further input will be encouraged at the meeting
- Brian will post this on the Woodlands website; so far about 50 persons have signed up for alerts
- Ed getting microphones and flip chart, sign-in sheets and contacts to keep those interested informed of upcoming city meetings; this will be on the city website also
- Need a recorder
- Victoria Walker and Jeremy will be there to represent the city and answer about planning rules and guidelines
- McDonald's Corp. was originally invited to this forum, but declined, and will not be present

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- McDonald's may schedule a later meeting, and the date will be added to the October Newsletter if they provide a date by 9/15/10
- Brief overview of what has occurred up to 9/25/10
- Bill Swanson, former Board Vice President, will help with overview
- Ed will talk to Tom Johnson about distributing fliers for the meeting, Board members offered to assist with this

Further Notes:

- Justin said about 200 responses have been received and all were against this use for the property
- Parking for a McDonald's restaurant is still a huge issue because they must provide at least 52 spaces
- Parking of delivery trucks cannot be accommodated on the site, and are not permitted to park for delivery on the street
- Traffic impact will also be huge for streets that are already very busy; McDonald's may pay to improve traffic flow to mitigate objections
- No crosswalk at Citrus Circle to protect pedestrians
- This lot is not currently zoned for "food and beverage" business; it is zoned for office use
- Joe reminded the Board that zoning and site compatibility are separate issues
- There are no operation hour restrictions on that property
- Make position clear that Woodlands Board is not seeking monetary gain for the community
- We have not been able to connect with any neighborhood group that has successfully opposed this type of development
- Board hopes that with this early involvement, our community voice will have an impact
- Joe will write a brief article for the October Newsletter
- Kay asked to have extra copies to distribute to the businesses in Citrus Circle area
- Joe reminded us that all city council members should receive the newsletter

Financial:

Judy reported on CD renewal

Ed completed Tax filing for Federal Govt.

Next Board meeting Oct. 2, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Elsie Witt, Secretary