

Drakes Branch Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023

Members Present: Fred Black, Roscoe Eubanks, Jr. , Deborah Kennedy, Jerris Wells, Ronnie Card

The Zoning Administrator Eugene Wells was present during the last half of the meeting.

Members Absent: Dorothea Knott, Janice Wells

Meeting was called to order by Deborah Kennedy at 7:21PM.

Old Business:

The minutes were read and approved by the committee.

No Zoning Permits required review.

The newly elected Mayor of Drakes Branch Phillip Jackson met with the Planning Commission to provide his Vision and plans for Drakes Branch . The following items discussed:

1. Water meters replaced with electronic controls to provide leak protection for town citizens. These meters will monitor consumption of and reduce man hours.

2. Fire hydrant flush which has not been done in the last 3-5 years. Notices will be placed on the citizens doors to advise when the flush will affect them . Dates will range from April 3rd through May. 63 meters will be flushed, samples taken for water freshness and chlorine levels.
3. Replace water main valve on the ones that are not working.
4. Continue to work with FEMA in preparation for removing condemned buildings.
5. Bring back "Drakes Day"
6. Will continue to participate in the "100 Mile Yard Sale"
7. The Economic Committee is on hold until FEMA decisions are made.
8. Lease of the Pavilion is controlled by Butch and Julie Hamlett for the Saturday Farmers Market.
9. Ice Cream Factory is anticipating to open in the Gazette building
10. Bank of Charlotte is scheduled to open April 3rd with a soft opening then a grand opening to follow in 2 weeks.

To sum up his presentation, Mr. Jackson said his vision of Drakes Branch is "When you drive through Drakes Branch, he wants it to look good, for you to feel good, and that you are jealous that you don't live here".

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerris Wells". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jerris Wells