



## Town of Nags Head

### CAMA LAND AND WATER USE PLAN UPDATE

### LPG MEETING NOTES

DECEMBER 12, 2005

**Attendance:**

See attached meeting attendance list.

**Beach Road Development Study:**

Dr. Celen Pasalar and Dr. Georgia Bizios from NC State University College of Design presented an overview of the Beach Road Development Study and the services that NC State faculty and students will be providing the Town. The BRD study will include two phases each with several components. Phase I will consist primarily with data collection, including a review of existing conditions and plans affecting the Beach Road, and community outreach and visioning activities (including visual preference surveys). Phase II will develop recommendations for policy changes, design guidelines, and alternatives for implementation strategies. Public outreach activities will occur during both phases.

The Beach Road Development committee met earlier in the day to discuss the study and how it will fit with the LUP update. The BRD committee agreed that the two studies should share as much information as possible, however due to the different nature of the two studies (micro vs. macro scale) and schedule differences, the two studies will not be able to directly correlate with each other.

LPG committee members offered to share information and data with the BRD study.

**LPG Chair & Vice-Chair:**

The LPG voted to approve the nominations of Bo Taylor as Chairman and Aaron McCall as Vice-Chairman of the LPG. Bo and Aaron will provide leadership and guidance for the LPG in the coming months.

**Existing Conditions Overview:**

Discussion of the existing conditions analysis was post-poned to a future meeting to enable detailed discussion of the resident and property owner survey.

**Resident & Property Owner Survey:**

The majority of the meeting focused on a review of the 1996 survey and its questions. The old survey was distributed to all property owners and residents in the town (approx 4,400) using tax records for mailing addresses. An additional set of surveys (approximately 200) were distributed to year-round rental residents. The response rate

was over 30 percent. The '96 survey included 120 quantifiable questions, and two open-ended comments. LPG members generally thought the old survey was longer than it needed to be to accomplish the goal of soliciting citizen input on LUP issues.

The focus of the discussion was a comparison between the key issues identified (to date) for the 2005 LUP process, and the question topics identified in the 1996 survey. There are several notable differences. The LPG discussed dropping the following topics: adult entertainment, personal watercraft, and delivery of town services.

There were several demographic questions on the '96 survey under the heading "about you". Discussion ensued regarding the need for additional questions such as household income, gender, and household location (of year round residents). Some LPG members questioned how and why the survey captured respondents less than 18 years of age.

Several LPG members requested that the 2006 survey include the current vision statement for the Town as well as other leading information before each topic area (key issue).

LPG members cited several topic areas that needed additional attention in the new survey. These included: development issues, (including Beach Road) general recreation needs, focused bicycle / pedestrian needs, educational facilities, and youth issues.

Scott and Andy will investigate establishing a list serve on either the Town's website or on a third-party site (such as Yahoo!) to facilitate communication among LPG members.

Each LPG member was requested to provide additional questions and comments on the survey by Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup>. A draft of the survey, including all added questions will be distributed to the group before the next LPG meeting.

The 1996 survey findings have been posted to the LUP website as a .pdf document.

**Next steps:**

Two LPG meetings are anticipated in January – the first is scheduled for Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM.

The next public meeting will be held on Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

The draft survey will be presented to the Board for input and review at the February 1 meeting.

Attendance:

Organization	Name
The Nature Conservancy - Nags Head Woods	Aaron McCall
Town of Nags Head Planning Board	Bo Taylor
Outer Banks Community Foundation	Bob Oakes
Nags Head Acres Homeowners Association	Buster Nunemaker
Outer Banks Visitors Bureau	Carolyn McCormick
Dare County Board of Education	John Donlan
Outer Banks Homebuilders Association	Russell Lay
Dare County Restaurant Association	Tom Sloate
Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce	Ralph Buxton
Nags Head Pond Homeowners Association	Ed Mays
Outer Banks Realtors Association	Mark Cornwell
National Park Service - Cape Hatteras National Seashore	Ron Clark
Nags Head Community Watch Program	Perry White
Town of Nags Head Citizens Advisory Committee	John Ratzenberger
Town of Nags Head Board of Adjustment	Susan Boncek
Village at Nags Head Property Owners Association	Tom Saporito
Wheels of Dare	Bill Brobst
Town of Nags Head, Planning Department	Tim Wilson
Town of Nags Head, Planning Department	Bruce Bortz
Town of Nags Head, Planning Department	Andy Garman
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Scott Silsdorf
NC State College of Design	Celen Pasalar
NC State College of Design	Georgia Bizios