



Town of Nags Head

CAMA LAND AND WATER USE PLAN UPDATE

LPG MEETING #5 NOTES

MAY 24, 2006

Attendance:

See attached meeting attendance list.

Citizen Survey

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review the draft summary of the survey results, and determine what “big picture” elements should be highlighted for the Board of Commissioners in a presentation scheduled for June 7, 2006.

LPG members made the following general remarks from the survey summary:

- It appears that some questions were either misunderstood, or the survey respondents did not have enough information to respond to some of the questions. Examples include the section on “town performance” of question 1.
- The quality of the beaches and the provision of beach accesses is a general theme of survey respondents.
- Many more non-residents and part-time residents responded than year round residents. This has policy implications for the Board to consider.
- Bicycle and pedestrian issues were raised on several questions throughout the survey (community attributes, traffic and transportation, improvements to Beach Road commercial businesses, etc)
- Vacation rental properties are still a major concern for the Town to address.
- The character of Nags Head needs to be preserved. Respondents are concerned about the level of development intensity, the size of vacation homes, the disappearance of “local businesses”, and the look and scale of new development.
- Although the survey targeted property owners and registered voters, there should be an effort to gauge the needs not represented by the demographics of the majority of survey respondents (many had no opinion about issues such as child care or senior care)
- Based on the “About You” section of the survey, some felt that a demographic shift is underway in the Town. There are fewer working age families and more retired or semi-retired citizens with no kids.
- There was a general lack of desire on the part of respondents to tax themselves or impose new fees for services – even if the respondent felt the additional service or amenity was important.

- The importance of beach nourishment and the recommended funding mechanisms to preserve it were very sensitive to the respondent's residential location.

Further Reading:

Bo Taylor suggests that the LPG committee read the book "Living and Working in Paradise" by Bill Hedinger. The author of the book discusses housing issues in four resort communities, Aspen, CO; Martha's Vineyard, MA; Provincetown, MA; and Whistler, BC.

Next steps:

- A presentation is scheduled for the June 7, 2006 Board of Commissioners Meeting. The presentation will highlight the findings and results of the survey.
- In late June a public meeting will be held to review the survey findings and seek public input on the potential revisions to the Vision Statement.
- In August we would like to present a revised Vision Statement to the Board of Commissioners for their review and action.

Attendance:

Organization	Name
The Nature Conservancy – Nags Head Woods	Aaron McCall
Town of Nags Head Planning Board	Bo Taylor
Nags Head Pond Homeowners Association	Ed Mays
South Creek Acres Homeowners Association	Garry Oliver
Outer Banks Transportation Task Force	Jody Crosswhite
Dare County Board of Education	John Donlan
Town of Nags Head Citizens Advisory Committee	John Ratzenberger
Town of Kill Devil Hills	David Gill
Town of Nags Head Board of Adjustment	Susan Boncek
Village at Nags Head Property Owners Association	Tom Saporito
Town of Nags Head, Planning Department	Andy Garman
Parsons Brinckerhoff	Scott Silsdorf