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The Wesley Chapel Villagers Group launches Petition Drive to Stop Shopping Center Proposal

(Wesley Chapel, NC) - June 7, 2005: The Wesley Chapel Villagers Group launched an online petition drive to collect signatures of village residents who oppose the prospect of a third large shopping center occupying the NW corner of the intersection at Waxhaw Indian Trail Rd. and NC 84. The petition is to be presented at the public hearing before the Wesley Chapel Village Council on Monday, June 13, 2005 at 7:00pm.

HISTORY: The proposed shopping center is being developed by JDH Capital and comprises of 18 acres owned by Nancy Earnhart and Wesley Chapel Village Councilman Butch Plyler. Plans for this shopping center surfaced last November, just months after Mr. Plyler serving as Chairman of the Village Planning Board, supervised changes to the town's Land Use plan. Among the controversial revisions to the plan was a new designation for commercial zoning, for part of Mr. Plyler's and all of Mrs. Earnharts land holdings. Previous to the change, it was designated for residential use only.

A municipality uses a Land Use Plan to map out future directions for expansion and growth. Oftentimes its it gives prospective land developers an insight as to where the a town expects and supports new development.

In March of 2004, Mr. Plyler was appointed to fill the term of a Council member who resigned for personal reasons. Mr. Bill Gwinn, a close associate and executive board member of the Wesley Chapel Fire Department, where Mr. Plyler serves as president, was then appointed as Chairman of the Village Planning Board. Despite numerous objections by other planning board members the JDH Capital Conditional Use Permit and re-zoning application was referred to Council for a Public Hearing last month.

The Villagers Group states in its petition that the JDH Capital proposed Shopping Center is detrimental to the area in general, has not established a 'Need' as specified by Village zoning ordinances, will unfairly burden the Village taxpayer to provide police protection, subject the Village residents to high traffic congestion and safety issues as well.

This past weekend, Villagers Group member's hand delivered over 1500 newsletters to village residents providing them specific and detailed information about the shopping center controversy and it's impact. The "Villager Voice" Newsletter is available online at the following link: <http://www.wcvg.org/articles/WCVGNewsLetter-20050603.pdf>

The online petition is available to Wesley Chapel residents by visiting the Villagers Group website at <http://www.wcvg.org>

ORGANIZATION HISTORY: The Wesley Chapel Villagers Group (WCVG) was formed in November 2003 in response to controversial approval of a 44-acre Big Box shopping center. The organization has an active and growing membership, currently numbering over 120 members and subscribers. The mission of the WCVG is to provide timely information about political issues both local and county wide affecting the citizens of Wesley Chapel.

In July 2004, the Villagers Group successfully opposed a Wesley Chapel Council sponsored Liquor by the Drink referendum. In an overwhelming vote, Village residents voted 2 to 1 against the measure.

For further information visit the Villagers Group web site (<http://www.wcvg.org>) or e-mail your request to info@wcvg.org