

Triangle Aquatic Center'  
18-REZ-14

Minutes of Neighborhood Meeting  
June 6, 2018

The meeting began at 6:30pm in the Cary Town Council Chamber for an introduction of rezoning cases by Deborah Grannan. A breakout session for neighbors for Triangle Aquatic Center Case #18-REZ-14 was then moved to the Conference Room of the Cary Government Complex. The meeting with neighbors began at 6:55pm.

Sixteen people were in attendance, as indicated on the Sign-in Sheet, which is attached to this document.

Triangle Aquatic Center was represented by Michael Curran and attorney Charles McDarris.

Wayne Nichols appeared on behalf of the Town of Cary.

Charles McDarris opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and participating in this open forum. Mr. Curran then gave a PowerPoint overview of the history of Triangle Aquatic Center ("TAC") and the need for the rezoning and future expansion of TAC. Mr. Curran discussed the fact that TAC has reached capacity and because of the population growth in Wake County, more pool time needs to be built to provide Learn to Swim, Senior exercise, competition, and other swim related activities. Of primary concern is the fact that drowning is the second leading cause of death in children 14 and under. TAC provides free swim lessons yearly to hundreds of children in response to this alarming statistic.

The following items were raised by those in attendance:

Neighbors were concerned about the ravine that leads to the tributary to Swift Creek and wanted to know what would be built in the creek area. Mr. Curran responded that certain buffers of the Town and State prevented building too close to the creek, so no building would occur in those buffer areas. A map of the property was projected onto a screen and Mr. Curran pointed out the stream on the map.

Concerns were raised about the lack of a fence between the homes on Ivey Lane and TAC. Further, they indicated the existing evergreen plants did not buffer the sound from the HVAC fans. Mr. Curran responded that TAC, as it currently sits, was designed with the pools inside so minimal barriers were placed outside. Further, Mr. Curran indicated that no one in the 10 year history of TAC has raised those noise concerns with him, but those concerns will be considered in the future planning stages.

Kathleen Kalinowski resides at 944 Ivey Lane and indicated that one or more trees in the buffer area are leaning towards her property and she is concerned that they may fall. Ms. Kalinowski asked who was responsible for maintaining the buffer area. Mr. Curran gave Ms. Kalinowski his business card and asked her to call him about any tree issue. Another resident spoke up and said that a tree had fallen on her property a few years ago and that she had called Mr. Curran at that time. She said that Mr. Curran was very responsive to her and took care of the fallen tree immediately.

Concern was raised that there would be an outdoor pool next to the residences. Mr. Curran responded that the pool would be a training pool and would not be a play pool for kids and families. Specifically, the pool would not have a slide or diving board.

Neighbors asked about the hours of operation. Mr. Curran gave the hours and stated that the hours of operation would remain unchanged with any future expansion.

Neighbors asked about the lighting. Mr. Curran stated that lights would be installed around the pool and parking areas as required by Code. Any lighting issues will be taken up in the future building

Another neighbor stated that they were concerned about people parking in the road stub-out on Ivey Lane and dropping off their children at that location. Mr. Curran pointed out the building's main entrance on the overhead map and said that anyone entering the building must go through the main entrance (which is on the other side of the building from the referenced stub-out). It is illogical for any parent to drop a child off on Ivey Lane when they can drive up to the Main Entrance of the building to drop off their children.

A question was raised about trees being taken down for future development. Several neighbors stated they would like to see as many trees left as possible. Mr. Curran indicated that trees would have to be removed to build but did point out an area beside the TAC property that is owned by the Town of Cary, which may be turned into a park by the Town in the future.

The question was asked about a possible roadway being built directly from TAC onto Cary Town Blvd. Mr. Curran expressed concern with that idea because of the number of children visiting TAC and the potential dangers associated with having a public road through the TAC campus.

A neighbor asked about the location of a possible diving facility. Mr. Curran pointed out the parking area where a dive center would be located but stated that building such a facility would be years in the future.

One individual read the Notice letter from the Town and asked about the 65' height language. He asked if TAC was planning to build a 65' structure. TAC representatives were not aware of the 65' language in the letter and indicated that we were not asking in this rezoning to build a 65' building. The neighbor asked that the language be clarified, as he did not want a five to six story building immediately adjacent to the back of his home. Rob Wilson with the Town of Cary stepped into the meeting just before this issue was brought up. He stated that the applicant's plans could segment the property to show building heights in specific areas of the tract; thus preserving any building height limits on a possible future diving facility.

No further questions were asked or concerns raised; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.