

Nantucket Preservation Association

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Dear Homeowners

The Board of Directors wants to update you on a number of events of long term interest and concerns effecting all of us living in Nantucket. During the last three years, several groups, individuals, and the Board have been involved on numerous occasions with significant concerns concerning near-by and on-going land development proposals, upgrading of Arrington road, and the continued designation of Harpers Ferry/ Nantucket drive as a minor collector for the City of College Station. Currently, there are initial plans for approximately 2,100 living units, including homes and apartment/condo units. The land use plans for these developments have been approved but none of these projects have been submitted for final design platting by the City.

Our concerns and objections were focused on their impact on Nantucket neighborhood integrity and most importantly our safety. These efforts included meetings, both public and private, with the County and City Governments, traffic agencies and boards. None of these efforts, much to the frustrations of those involved, have resulted in resolution of our expressed major concerns. Helpful changes are the opening of Mesa Verde and the future up-grading of Arrington road. These are short term benefits at best.

At the Board's recent meeting (14 August) a group of our north-side homeowners and County Commissioner Precinct #1, Steve Aldrich were present. There was an open discussion of most, if not all, the issues mentioned above. A very specific discussion was the focused on the County's commitment to monitor the traffic through Nantucket as the result of continued expansion of College Station to the south, specifically along Arrington road. The County has completed traffic counts (post Mesa Verde opening) on Harpers Ferry, Nantucket Dr., and the south section of Sandpiper, but not on the north portion of Sandpiper. There was a request by individual homeowners to the County Commissioners Court for the north-side of Sandpiper be separately counted. The Court, acting on the recommendation of county engineers, had indicated they had the necessary data needed for future traffic analysis along those streets, and denied the request.

The group of north-side homeowners, represented by approximately 20 survey respondents, proposed in detail that the Board initiate a request to the County Commissioner Court for an additional base traffic count for the north side of Sandpiper. After further discussion our Board did not approve this course of action. The Board felt it could not justify a rationale against the county engineers' stance that they have the data needed for further review.

The Board will continue to meet with county officials as it has done for the last several months on this issue. As stated several times by all during the board meeting "the fundamental issue is safety on our neighborhood roads." The Board's focus will be to work with the County and the City to initiate traffic calming measures to control access and speed of vehicular traffic. Mentioned were stop-signs at intersections, speed bumps, and additional neighborhood traffic patrols by the county.

The board appreciates the input from all parties and will continue to update the Association through posted board minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Ward Wells , President
Representing the Board
Nantucket Preservation Association