

Open Space Committee Minutes – March 15, 2006

Members in attendance:

Robert Altland
Mark Wright

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Met with the developer of the commercial site next to the Courts & Ridges community center. The developer's presentation to the OSC was led by Ms. Sally Gillette, an attorney for ReedSmith representing the developer.
- Five members of the community attended the meeting. A copy of the community attendee list will be provided to PMP along with the OSC March 15 meeting minutes.
- The focus of the meeting was on the border between the commercial development and the C&R's property. The developer gave an overview of their tree and shrub plans along the border of the commercial development. The plantings appear to be pretty dense but may not be sufficient to stop recreational equipment like basketballs from going onto the commercial property.
- Some community members expressed concern about a lack of a fence between the commercial development and the community recreational area. The concern appeared to be related to individuals walking across the common area from our community to the commercial facilities and a concern that there could be a child snatching from the commercial area. It was pointed out that the entire stretch of land next to the basketball court and playground is open and children would be more vulnerable from the street. Also, some individuals expressed concern about the fence being unattractive. The developer thought the plantings would be too dense for individuals to walk through the plantings from the recreational area to the commercial buildings.
- The developer was willing to provide the community up to \$10,000 for the community to put additional plantings on the association's property or to build a fence on the association's property.
- The developer was very willing to work with the community and stated that he would appreciate it if any community members could show up at Loudoun County planning meetings to express their support for the planned development.

Next Meeting:

- Discuss the community clean up day and any issues related to the new landscaping company and its work in the community.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19. Monthly meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.