CITY OF WINTER PARK
TOWN MEETING
June 9, 2003

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Kenneth Marchman, Commissioners Barbara De Vane and Doug Metcalf; City Manager James S. Williams, City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham. Commissioners Douglas Storer and John Eckbert were absent.

Mayor Marchman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue, South, Winter Park, Florida.

A powerpoint presentation concerning the City’s accomplishments during the current budget year was narrated by City Manager James Williams.

Mayor Marchman opened the meeting for public comments.

Steve Flanagan, 1620 Highland Road, commended staff for the bricking project on Pennsylvania and Lake Sue. He spoke of the increase volume of traffic on Glencoe and Highland Roads and asked the Commission to expedite the petition to brick and to maintain the new stop signs on Highland Road. He also requested that the Commission consider reducing the speed limit on Highland Road from 25 to 20 miles per hour.

Doug Scarola, 1580 Glencoe Road, reiterating the previous speaker’s comments, requested the bricking of Glencoe and Highland Roads.

Commissioner Metcalf noted that the bricking project on Lake Sue is being funded by the residents themselves.

Jim Esch, 1691 Chestnut Avenue, commended staff on another banner year. He spoke of focusing on the needs of Winter Park and encouraged the Commission to inform the public as much as possible regarding the Progress Energy issue.

Christine Blackwell, 1732 North Lakemont Avenue, expressed her concern of cut through traffic on North Lakemont and bordering streets.

Bonnie Osgood, 1560 Glencoe Road, spoke on the increase in the volume of traffic on Glencoe Road. She asked that the City consider bricking Glencoe and Highland Roads.

Barry Carson, 720 North Pennsylvania Avenue, spoke of the current roadway conditions of Morse Boulevard.

Lurline Fletcher, 790 Lyman Avenue, spoke of the need for a four-way stop on the corner of Morse Boulevard and Capen. She elaborated on the roadway and lighting conditions of the streets in her neighborhood.

Dexter Richardson, 1590 Highland Road, supporting his Glencoe and Highland Roads neighbors and their requests, expressed his concern in the increase in traffic on both of those roadways.

Nancy Shutts, 2010 Brandywine Drive, asked that the City’s emphasis should be on identifying and working on a roadway master plan.
Mary Daniels, 650 Canton Avenue, said that a petition is being distributed in the Westside of Winter Park declaring that no affordable housing units be constructed in that community. She expressed her concern of the need for affordable housing in the Westside community.

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, complimented the Commission and staff for the accomplishments that were depicted in the presentation. He spoke that it is the City’s policy to have a diversity of housing in all areas of the City. He discussed the importance of the CRA rehabilitation program, support for the public library, developing a replacement program for the City’s assets, plans for the undeveloped land in Windsong, and the process of setting the tentative millage rate.

Stanley Wilson, 834 Antoinette Avenue, recommended enlisting the services of a devil’s advocate to present a balanced picture and inform the residents of all the options available with the Progress Energy issue. Representing the College Quarter Neighborhood Association, Mr. Wilson asked that Holt Avenue be included in the Pennsylvania/Lake Sue corridor bricking project. Additionally, he asked that Holt Avenue residents not be assessed for this project.

Taylor D. Ward, 1539 Glencoe Road, expressed his support of bricking Glencoe and Highland Roads.

Robert Case, 2272 Nairn Drive commended staff for the improvements made to Ward Park. He expressed his concern of the lack of a sidewalk from the park parking lot to Saint Andrews Street.

Merrill Ladika, 451 Garfield Avenue, expressed her concern of the lack of notices that she believed the residents of the Westside community receive of public meetings including a housing workshop.

Nancy Ponting, 647 Depugh Street, spoke about why she relocated into Winter Park. Ms. Ponting reported on the number of affordable housing units that exist in the Westside community and suggested locating affordable housing units in other areas of the City as well.

Jesse Fitzgerald, 691 Symonds Avenue, commented on the need for affordable housing in the Westside community.

Cathy Kiley, no address stated, spoke about the increase in traffic on Lakemont Avenue and the impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

Rita Miller, no address stated, expressed her support for the bricking of Glencoe and Highland Roads.

Jean Cumming, no address stated, inquired whether there is an alternate plan for traffic calming in Winter Park other than the bricking of streets.

Gene Randall, 1285 Richmond Road, expressed his concern over the deeded access to some of the lakes in the City, keeping the library in downtown Winter Park, and the importance of protecting and maintaining the City’s character from progress and change.

Commission closing comments included: the need to work together to face the challenges that face the City which include dealing with the traffic issues, the need to deal with the City’s infrastructure,
how the current state of the economy has impacted the City’s revenues, the importance of the electric power issue to the City, and the modern forms of communication that the City is using to inform the residents of pending issues.

Commissioner DeVane clarified that the workshop held on housing issues was to discuss housing policies. She noted that the invitations were sent to experts in those fields.

With no additional comments, Mayor Marchman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Mayor Kenneth R. Marchman

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City Clerk