



**TOWN HALL MEETING  
JUNE 21, 1999, 6:00 AT P.M.  
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET,  
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Pursuant to proper notice a Town Hall Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held June 21, 1999, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

**Attendance**

The following Council members and staff were in attendance:

Mayor George F. Vaughn, Jr.  
Vice Mayor Thomas A. Tankersley  
Councilor Edward S. Jones  
Councilor Ronald D. Patronik  
Councilor Robert D. Shimp

City Manager Richard A. Linn  
Acting City Clerk Lisa Volpe  
Deputy City Clerk Karla Strait  
Building Official Dan Arlington  
Administrative Assistant Piper Turner

**Order Call**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the purpose was to receive public input on the on the proposed Community Center at the end of Forest Blvd.

The Mayor introduced Bruce Rehmer, Chairman for the Community Center Project.

Mr. Rehmer asked the public to give valid reasons for their opposition.

Megan Phifer, Director of Acting Up, spoke on behalf of the Community Center.

David Boyer, Players By The Sea, spoke on what his organization had planned on doing and answered some questions.

**Public Comments**

Sheldon Goldsmith, 1439 Forest Avenue, opposed the proposed community center due to the additional parking and traffic that would be created on Forrest Avenue.

Brad Duttera, 2026 Cherokee Drive, commented that he supports the idea of the youth activities, but he is opposed to the location due to the impact on the property owners.

John Horten, 1206 Indian Woods Drive, stated that he is opposed to putting anything at the location due to the additional traffic it would cause on the weekends and the evenings.

Ed Goodwin, 2014 Cherokee Drive, remarked that the city would be providing free land for a non profit organization to make money.

David Naughton, 2000 Cherokee Drive, opposed the Community Center.

Harriet Pruette, 217 1/2 Magnolia, opposed having a community center in a residential area.

Ricky Medlock, 1209 Trailwood Drive, feels that a community center would attract crime.

Dale Penland, 2018 Cherokee Drive, feels that the community center would create a lot of noise and would drastically decrease the value of the neighborhood. It would be more appropriate in a commercial district.

Leslie Lyne, 501 Hopkins Street, said that it is absurd to put a community center in a residential area.

Perry Penland, 2018 Cherokee Drive, submitted a petition to Council from residents opposing the Community Center.

Bruce Rehmer, 804 McCollum Circle, withdrew the proposal of community center due to residents oppositions and lack of a more appropriate area.

Council discussed continuing to look for a more suitable location for a theater-community center.

Sheldon Goldsmith, 1439 Forest Avenue, raised questions of the location.

Roger Low, Players by the Sea, stated he takes pride in his organization and was trying to find a home, not add problems for the city.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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George F. Vaughn, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Volpe, Acting City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_