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16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cypress Landing  
Master Homeowners Association Meeting  
Saturday, September 12, 2009  
10:00 a.m.

### **Discussion Portion of Annual Meeting relating to Board Subcommittee on Deer Control Resolution**

President Charlie Moore presented the report on behalf of the Ad Hoc Deer Committee. This report included a recap of the four choices open to residents, the duration and data gathered by the Environment Committee and the final recommendations of the Deer Committee. It was learned the greatest concentration of deer in the Cypress Landing community is in the common areas on the northwest side adjacent to the wetlands. This information was presented to the community at the July 27, 2009 Board of Director's meeting. Please refer to Attachment 1 for the Powerpoint presentation for the specific slides presented.

Briefly, the recommendations include creating a deer control ad hoc implementation committee, increasing community educational efforts, initiate a controlled thinning process by entering into a formal agreement with the Bow Hunters Certification and Referral Service and provide periodic reports as to the effectiveness of thinning efforts. After Charlie presented the report, he called for a motion that residents vote in support of the Board and subcommittee plan of action for deer control in Cypress Landing. Jon Schumaker made such a motion and it was seconded by Jim Rudbeck.

Discussion on this issue now took place.

Bill Walker stated this is an emotional and decisive issue and feels thinning is not effective. Bill made a motion that the motion be amended to emphasize passive control (plants and repellent options as well as increase community educational efforts) and defer active thinning methods until the results of the passive control methods could be assessed. He mentioned he would sit on the committee should the amended motion pass. The motion was seconded by Jeannette Hoagland.

Discussion took place on the amended motion. Jeannette Hoagland stated if the motion passes, she will also sit on the ad hoc committee. Jeannette also asked a question pertaining to insurance coverage on behalf of the bow hunters and the hunting done in the vicinity of residents' back yards.

Pat Vore stated she was a member of the ad hoc deer committee and she and the committee spent quite a lot of time and effort in trying to determine if using bow hunters was the best approach to utilize. Pat continued a thinning process is only effective if it is used continuously. Also there has never been any accidents reported and the bow hunters only come in at sunrise and sunset. She feels confident there is no danger to residents or residents' children or grandchildren.

Jim Rudbeck stated he is an avid gardener and he and his wife have practiced the passive approach for years. They have utilized sprays, monofilament line and try only to plant deer-resistant plants and none of it worked. The passive method is not effective. They, too, are concerned about ticks.

Carol Ann Barbato had a concern relative to the accuracy of a bow and arrow as opposed to a crossbow and asked if the contract with the bow hunting organization is for one year or multiple years. She was informed the contract would be for the 2009-2010 bow hunting season only. Additionally the ad hoc deer control committee would make reports to the community association as to the effectiveness of the thinning program.

The motion was now called to amend the motion on the floor to such that the proposed deer control is by passive options only and that any active thinning be deferred. Residents in the audience were asked to hold up voting flags in favor of the amended motion (passive options only) and against the motion. It was clearly evident the amendment to use passive methods only was not carried.

Discussion now took place on the original motion. Roger Leipf made it clear he is against deer thinning and further stated we moved into the deer neighborhood, they did not move into ours.

Dick Hoban stated any deer thinning efforts won't affect deer activity in the vicinity of Neuse Drive. There are quite a few unoccupied lots in this area and the data collection might be skewed by the more populated northwest side of the community. Additionally, there is little, if any, common area in the area of Neuse Drive.

Lastly Jeannette Hoagland requested an answer to her question relative to the insurance aspect of utilizing bow hunters. It was stated the Bow Hunters Referral Service is sponsored by the NC Bow Hunters Association and carries their own \$5 million insurance policy that Cypress Landing would be designed as a co-insurer.

The motion now on the floor was for the members to vote in support of the Board and the Ad Hoc Committee plan of action for deer control as outlined above in Cypress Landing. All those members in favor of supporting the plan of action were asked to raise their voting "flags" and then against the proposed plan of action. The motion carries by a clear majority.