

NHC Commissioners Meeting – May 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the NHC Board of Commissioner was held at the Court House from 9:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. All commissioners were present.

A resolution recognizing the 35th Anniversary of the Fifth Judicial District Guardian ad Litem Program was passed unanimously. This is a volunteer program to represent children in the judicial system. The case load for this program has increased 10% because of the opioid crisis.

Wilmington Downtown, Inc. gave report. Downtown is a growing community and is an economic engine for New Hanover County. They sponsor many events downtown including Sunset concerts. They have added an Ambassador program. These ambassadors help provide a safer and cleaner downtown. They also offer hospitality assistance. Downtown if looked at as a single entity is the largest taxpayer in New Hanover County.

Library Advisory Board reported continued growth in library access. They are looking forward to opening of Pine Valley Branch. New services offered including Aloha project offering services to elderly and disabled partnering with Meals on Wheels to pick up and deliver items. Increased services for children and new programs developed. Students can use school I.D. to check out items.

Proposal by County staff was made to have Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Oak Grove Cemetery and Flemington Cemetery which are owned by New Hanover County. This proposal is to preserve and maintain these sites as burial sites. These covenants are for 20 years with automatic renewal. The Board can change this at any time but must have a public hearing and 4/5th vote to approve any change.

Committee appointments were made. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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