GEM Citizens' User Group
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2004

GEM Citizens' User Group members present: Jack Buford, Bob Campbell, Cliff Lamb, April Asker, Deborah Newhall, Rick Wolfarth, Bill Tellefsen, and Pete Tychsen. New members, April Asker and Pete Tychsen, were introduced and welcomed.

Meeting was brought to order by David McDevitt, Development Services Director, at 3:10pm.

The first item of discussion was the proposed lot mowing ordinance. Emma Smith, Assistant to the Director of GEM, presented the proposed ordinance and requested input. Discussion was held regarding rationales, how to regulate the proposed ordinance, and stipulations to protect homeowners with natural lots. After clarification that only approximately four complaints are received a year regarding lot mowing, the members of the group agreed not to recommend approval of the proposed lot mowing ordinance.

John Kraynak, Environmental Compliance Director, and Tom Ballentine, Senior Environmental Engineer, presented their topic for discussion of volume control and flood protection regulations. The discussion centered around aesthetics of dry retention storm water facilities versus wet retention, the possible elevated costs of implementing these regulations, the possible impact on future development, and the flood zones within the County. After extensive discussion regarding these issues, it was determined that more discussion would be needed at a future meeting before any recommendations could be made.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.