

**TOWN OF VALDESE  
QUORUM PRESENT - Crowhill Community Meeting - Pine Crossing Housing Development - Question and Answer Session  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016**

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m., a question and answer session was held at Mt. Calvary Family Life Center, 709 Praley Street, SW, Valdese, North Carolina, to update citizens on the proposed Crowhill Community - Pine Crossing Housing Development. Western Piedmont Council of Governments Assistant Director Sherry Long and Western NC Housing Partnership Executive Director Joy Strassel offered an overview of the development.

A quorum of the Valdese Town Council was present: Mayor John F. "Chip" Black, Jr., Councilwoman Frances Hildebran, Councilwoman Susan Stevenson, Councilman Roy F. Sweezy, and Councilman Gary L. Delp. Also present were Town Manager Seth Eckard, Planning Director Larry Johnson, Police Chief Jack Moss, and Community Affairs Administrative Specialist Morrissa Angi.

A quorum was present. No action was taken.

Mayor Black thanked everyone in the community for attending.

At 5:45 p.m., Ms. Strassel and Ms. Long offered an overview of the development which was presented at the January 4, 2016 Council Meeting.

A woman asked about the Briarcreek Apartment complex nearby that was vacant and if the partnership could renovate. Ms. Strassel said the partnership did not specialize in renovating property.

Town Manager Seth Eckard said there was interest by someone to purchase and renovate the Briarcreek Apartment complex.

Police Chief Jack Moss addressed citizen concerns regarding drug issues by saying drugs were not just a problem in affordable housing complexes but throughout the entire town. He said the Police Department works very hard, along with the Burke County Narcotics Task Force, to get drugs off our streets.

Mayor Black said the development was not a done deal and it would be August before the housing partnership would know if it would receive funding.

Councilwoman Hildebran thanked everyone in her Ward for attending the question and answer session.

At 7:45 p.m., there were no additional comments or questions from the citizens.

The next Council meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Valdese Town Hall.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor

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