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Wake County residents oppose Cary annexation

By ADAM ARNOLD, The Cary News

More than 150 residents of Dutchman Downs and nearby areas of unincorporated Wake County let it be known Tuesday night that they vigorously oppose Cary's efforts to annex them.

Many took advantage of a hastily called meeting at Cary Town Hall to vent. Some wore red to stand out and show the strength of their numbers.

A group of about 40 gathered in front of the Town Hall complex before the meeting with signs saying "Stop Cary" and "www.stopcary.com."

"It sounds like you've already got it trussed up and ready to bake," one man shouted during the session.

Cary's Town Council approved a resolution of intent Monday to annex Dutchman Downs and an area immediately south of that neighborhood to seal the town's border with Holly Springs.

The first public notice for Monday's meeting came Saturday afternoon, and the first word on Tuesday's session came when the council met Monday.

Ricky Barker, Cary's associate director of planning, navigated the meeting through a boisterous discussion of the town's rationale for its action, the annexation process and questions and answers.

Acknowledging the short notice and short tempers, Barker told the crowd his presentation "mostly will not satisfy all of your questions."

Marla Dorrel, the only Cary council member in attendance, said that though she voted for the resolution she had questions about the necessity of including Dutchman Downs.

"If we are swallowed up by Cary, let's remember the names of the people who aren't here," Barbara Garlock, a Dutchman Downs resident, said of Dorrel's absent colleagues.

Barker said the annexation was necessary to protect Cary's \$64 million infrastructure investment in the area and to thwart Holly Springs from bringing in properties that are already within Cary's utility services area.

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Work between the two towns on a utility service boundary had been proceeding for more than two years. The process broke down earlier this month.

Mark Smith, who lives in the Elizabeth Woods neighborhood near Holly Springs, said he did not get a satisfactory explanation why Cary wants "a 10-mile dog leg" into southern Wake County.

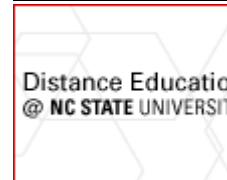
Smith speculated that what Cary is angling for is the tax base that development around the yet-to-be built Interstate 540 extension in the area would generate.

One bit of information was clear to Smith from the meeting.

"I learned that they think it's a done deal," Smith said.

Cary has scheduled a second meeting on the plans, also in Town Council chambers, 316 N. Academy St., for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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