Sept. 10, 2005

ATTENTION!

Town Council to hear low-income plan

Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Town Hall

Town Council is scheduled to review an application at 7 p.m. Tuesday that would allow low-income housing next to Ivy Hall.

The meeting will be held in the main meeting room at Town Hall.

It's possible, though unlikely, that council would approve the application even though it comes to them without a positive recommendation from either the town's Planning Commission or Planning Committee.

On Aug. 23rd, the Planning Commission voted 9-0 to recommend denial on a slew of grounds, including density and drainage concerns.

Then last week, the Planning Committee voted to defer a recommendation for up to 60 days so the town could work out some zoning details with Charleston County. A portion of the 6.2-acre parcel on which the townhouse complex would be built currently is in the county.

Residents need only look to Daniel Island for an example of a government body forcing affordable housing into a community that doesn't want it. Recently, Charleston City Council voted unanimously to allow a low-income development in the heart of Daniel Island despite major residential opposition.

What: Town Council meeting

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13th

Where: Municipal Complex, 100 Ann Edwards Lane (next to the police station)

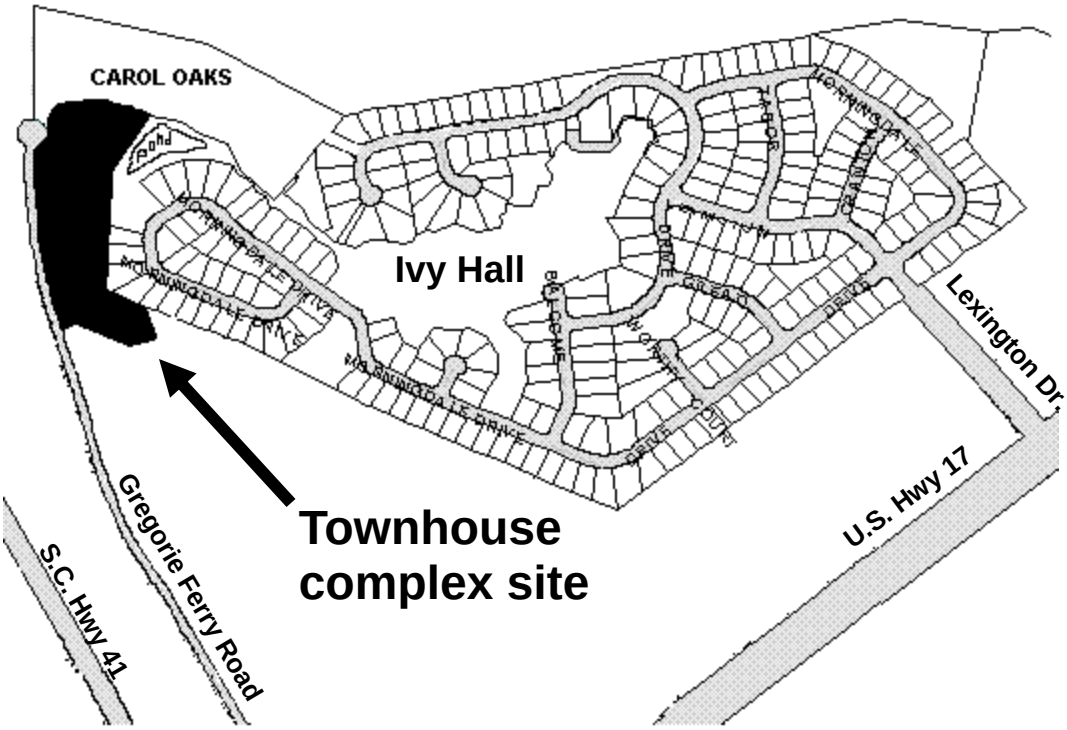
More info: www.ivyhall.org

While our situation differs from that on Daniel Island, Ivy Hall residents need to be aware that anything can happen during a council meeting. One strike against us is that we're not being "politically correct" in opposing low-income housing.

Representatives from the Ivy Hall POA Board will attend Tuesday's meeting and voice our concerns. Individual residents are also invited to attend.

For more information, go to the Ivy Hall Web site at www.ivyhall.org or call the town's planning department at 884-1229.

Thank you!

Ivy Hall POA Board

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