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CMC plans \$5 million building to expand care

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Conway Medical Center is moving forward with a partnership with Campbell University's medical school to expand its primary care services to Horry County's rapidly-growing population.

With a new \$5 million building on Myrtle Trace Drive, the new venture will also provide a variety of well-paying jobs and will

provide healthcare to some people who have been unable to afford it, according to Brian Argo, the medical center's chief financial officer.

The first step toward constructing the building will be to tear down three hospital-owned doctors' offices on Myrtle Trace Drive. Two obstetricians/gynecologists will move from their office buildings into the medical center's physicians office

building adjacent to the hospital, which Argo says, will be more convenient for them and their patients because it will put them closer to the labor and delivery center.

The third office is occupied now by two nurse practitioners, Pansy Cooper and Susan Gniadek, who will leave the hospital system, but will continue working in the Conway area, according to Argo.

The hospital plans to move Dr. Amanda Schimnowski to Socastee.

Argo says hospital officials think this is a great opportunity to support the area's rapid growth and add to the workforce.

In the new two-story, about 6,000-square-foot building, residents under the guidance of three doctors, who will make up the faculty, will provide all types of primary care.

"It's basically going to be a really big doctor's office..." Argo said.

Offering the same care as a full-service doctor's office, the residents will provide wellness check-ups, tend scratchy or sore throats, help people adjust their medications and much more.

The program will begin with eight residents, adding eight more the next year and eight more the third

year before plateauing off at 24 for the future.

There will be a radiology team onsite to take x-rays and other diagnostic tests and a lab-draw station where patients can get their lab work done.

Argo says another feature that will add to the convenience of patients who use the center is that it will be fully-integrated into the

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Three councilmen say golf course vote was misunderstood

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The trio of Conway city councilmen who voted against a successful motion to annex the former Conway Golf Club property and give it an R zone wanted to make it clear the day after the vote that they were not voting for an R-1 zone.

The R zone requires a minimum lot size of 10,000-square-feet with all being at least 100 feet across the front. The R-1 zone requires lots that are a minimum of 7,500-square-feet with a minimum width of 75 feet.

Beverly Homes wanted the R-1 zone, but all of the council members say they wanted the R zone. Still members of the public who attended Monday's meeting said after the meeting they didn't want either. They preferred an RR zone that requires 25,000-square-foot lots saying it would have been more in keeping with the existing neighborhood.

Country Club Drive resident George DeBusk said one of his neighbors calculated the average size of lots in the area and, even considering the small lots in The Village, the average lot size is 22,950-square-feet.

But councilmen Tom Anderson, Shane Hubbard and William Goldfinch say some media and especially posts on social media are just wrong.

Goldfinch admits that the issue is one of the most confusing he's dealt with in all of his years on council.

Goldfinch said before and after the meeting that he thinks council erred when it rushed through the R zone without adequate development guidelines, saying there is more that matters than just lot size.

"We voted to table it," Goldfinch said. "We weren't voting for R-1 lots."



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This picture of the former Conway Golf Course property was taken with a drone over the weekend. The landscape already looks different because the

pool house and clubhouse hit the ground earlier this week. The property could eventually hold somewhere less than 190 homes.

He said he'd be okay with 25,000-square-foot lot, "but that's just not going to happen."

He said the 10,000-square-foot lot is okay with him, but he worries that the 100-foot width at the front will take away a developer's creativity and ability to design an attractive neighbor-

hood. Before Monday's vote, Goldfinch said of the R zone, "It's a defective product and you don't want to put a defective product on the market."

Goldfinch says, even with the R zone, Beverly Homes can probably squeeze in 190 homes, only eight more

than they have envisioned on the property.

At Monday's meeting, Goldfinch said, people will not get what they expect with the R zone. He anticipates a lower quality neighborhood with fewer retention ponds.

He said working on the "broken zone" would make

its products more suitable to protect everybody in that neighborhood and in the rest of Conway.

Hubbard said he, too, was not voting for an R-1 zone, he was voting for more time to digest what information four experts at the meeting had given.

"If I were king, we would

not have had that reading an hour after the workshop," he said. "I'll stand by what I voted for."

Connie Smith, who has been coordinating her efforts to influence the vote with a group of concerned residents who worry about

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YOU ASKED FOR IT

Q. When will construction begin on the new Starbucks at the corner of U.S. 501 and 16th Avenue in Conway?

A. According to the landlord, unless delayed by weather or other unforeseen circumstances, construction for Starbucks is estimated to begin by mid-summer 2019 and estimated to be open toward the end of 2019.

Hut Bible Class celebrates 100 years

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The bond developed among U.S. soldiers serving in France during World War I lives on a full century later in the Hut Bible Class.

A large group of Conwayites gathered for lunch Sunday to celebrate the same common bond that people develop when they worship together.

The official anniversary

date was April 27, 2019.

Although the group uses Methodist literature, there are two Baptists and one Presbyterian among the group. Women are invited to visit, but their names are not included among the membership.

"I'm there every Sunday if that tells you anything," said Charlie Frye, who's been one of the longer communing members with 34 years of membership.

"We have a different speaker every Sunday. It's just a great class... It's just a good group of men," Frye said, adding that people who don't attend the class are really missing out.

Charles Timbes may be the longest participating member of the class with about 37 years of regular attendance. Heritage is also important to the class whose members refer to uncles, cousins, grandfathers, great-uncles

and great-grandfathers who once attended the Hut class. Timbes' father and stepfather were both members, and his father was a past president.

Timbes has served as president three times and as treasurer for 20 years.

"I just love the fellowship that the Hut provides. In other words, I hardly ever miss a Sunday. We live at the beach six months out of the year and we come back every Sunday... I just don't want to

miss. "Our service in the Hut is like a small church service," he said, including Scripture, prayer and special music each week.

The group has six teachers who teach on a rotating basis. "It makes it interesting," Timbes said.

People who can't make it to the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning service can always listen

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