



Annual Report

I hereby submit a report on behalf of your association board for August 2105 – August 2016.

Respectfully,

David Magellan Horth

President, Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

1. I want to thank the board for the hard work, creativity, and diligence they have demonstrated in taking us through a particularly hard year for the board. Many of the board have gone far beyond the call of duty. Many thanks for outgoing board members for their contributions.
2. I want to also thank the neighborhood for the engagement, support and understanding as we have navigated this year.
3. At the beginning of the year, the board met to strategize on what we would like to achieve for the year. We agreed on the following:
 - a. To be as transparent as possible as a board and to find many ways of regularly engaging the neighborhood. While we have had some success with this in terms of transparency I think we can do a lot more. We miss the Newsletter that Linda Fusco had taken care of in the past. We feel actually going out and meeting people is really important. The Scavenger Hunt was an event that we thought would bring people out for National Night Out. We need to be seeking events on a more regular basis that will have people meeting people in the neighborhood.
 - b. To review and revise the current strategic plan. This item presented us with a set of complex challenges to navigate associated with new State regulations for MSD funded projects. Many projects that were already in process have been stalled while we navigated the new regulations.
4. Early in our tenure as a board we worked hard to deal with lighting issues in our neighborhood – including the need to review tentative plans for replacing historic lighting with LED based lighting at major cost to our MSD funds. We polled you as a neighborhood and found that the issues about lighting came down to two factors deserving of our attention: Safety and Aesthetics befitting the historic nature of our neighborhood. This resulted in an agreement through the city for Duke to repair many of the lighting fixtures – a project that is still underway – at no cost to our neighborhood. We plan a second phase which will probably require MSD funding to add lighting to some of the darker areas in our neighborhood.



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5. The main focus of our work has been to work with the City to revise the MSD/Strategic Plan. We developed a statement for our which underpins our mission (History Matters): ***How do we preserve and improve the historic character and fabric of our neighborhood now and into the future?*** We celebrated what had been accomplished (for example, at last the Summit Avenue Project is going to move forward) from our plan dating back 13 years ago and identified the following priorities:
 - a. Fix Infrastructure
 - b. Plan for the Future
 - c. Improve Landscapes & Hardscapes
 - d. Mark Our Borders
 - e. Create Tree Preservation & Management Plan
 - f. Re-Design Sternberger Park
 - g. Enhance Neighborhood Properties

The details of these items have mostly been integrated into the MSD plan that was accepted by the City in May this year. And bids are out for items contractors for a. and c.
6. One of the more charged issues facing our neighborhood is our very name. This began when UNCG decided to remove Charles B. Aycock/s name from their Auditorium. The board's stance on this is firstly that we took our name from Charles B. Aycock Middle School and not the other way around. Secondly that naturally any decision about the school's name is going to impact what we might want to do. Thirdly that any decision would be a neighborhood decision. The board's role would be to provide a process and forum for meaningful dialogue and decision-making on the name of our neighborhood.
7. We have managed those fund we can manage directly with due diligence and I am happy to attach the financial report compiled by our treasure Mindy Zachary:.



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HISTORIC AYCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2016 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2015

INCOME: In 2015 the Neighborhood Association received \$120.14 in donations. Net income for the three fundraisers was \$920.71 (Luminaries = \$356.01; Molly McGinn Concert = \$500; Neighborhood Yard Sale = \$64.70). The McGinn concert was held specifically to raise funds to help offset scanning costs for neighborhood archival material donated to UNCG's Jackson Library. The yard sale had one-time expenses that will not impact this year's event. Interest savings was .96 and there was a holdover bank reconciliation adjustment of .31.

EXPENSES: Bank and PayPal fees were \$213.20; computer expenses (web hosting) \$171.41; contributions totaled \$700.00 (Greensboro Neighborhood Congress = \$50.00; Jackson Library = \$500.00; and Aycock Middle School PBIS for 2014 and 2015 contributions paid in 2015 = \$150.00). Other expenses were for Dogipot refills (\$69.50), tunnel gardening (\$91.97), and welcome baskets and other supplies (\$81.17). Expenses were lower than previous years due to the suspension of newsletter publication which was approximately \$300 per issue.

CASH ON HAND: Cash on hand was \$6,658.53 (\$3,453.57 in checking and \$3,204.96 in savings) although \$749.10 of that was in the form of restricted funds - the remaining grant money for the Dunleith Community Garden.

FISCAL YEAR ENDING 12/31/2015: The association had a net loss of \$285.13.

Year-to-date ending 7/31/2016: The neighborhood is currently carrying a net loss of \$473.66.

INCOME: Total income so far this year is \$5.48 (\$5.00 donation and .48 in savings interest).

EXPENSES: Bank and computer fees to date are \$165.14. We also paid \$314.00 to cover the costs for the city's Board of Adjustments to review compliance issues with the used car lot on Summit at Murrow.

CASH ON HAND: Cash on hand was \$6,273.96 (\$3,068.52 in checking and \$3,205.44 in savings) although \$838.19 of that is in the form of restricted funds for the Dunleith Community Garden.