

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2011

Present: Christina Cantrell, Fabio Camara, Linda Fusco, Brian Heagney, Bert VanderVeen, Shawn Wriede

Absent: David Hoggard, Laura Wall

Guests: Officer Doug Campbell, Lillian Govus, resident

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 pm

1.) Community Watch Report:

- a. Officer Doug Campbell reported on the **reorganization** of the Greensboro Police Department as it pertains to Community Resource Officers. Each division currently has a CRT team composed of a sergeant, corporal, and 4 officers. After the reorganization, the CRT teams will be composed of 3 officers, but Strike Teams will be added to extend a proactive approach. The changes are expected to be implemented by the end of March. Officer Campbell did not know whether he would remain the Resource Officer for Aycock, but everyone expressed the hope that he would.
- b. **Central Division** (the division responsible for the Aycock neighborhood) is **headquartered** in downtown Greensboro, not the building on Maple St.
- c. Since the last board meeting (January 24), there have been a few break-ins, but the area just east of Aycock experienced a high number of reported crimes. A **break-in at Aycock Middle School** occurred on January 31 and theft from vending machines was reported.
- d. In response to a question about a man stopping at a **school bus stop on Bessemer Ave.** in Fisher Park and speaking to the children, Officer Campbell stated that a caller reported the license tag number and the police would be following up.
- e. In response to a question about a **fight at the Cook-Out on Summit Ave.**, Officer Campbell verified that a man was robbed and a crowd of approx 200 people gathered in an apparent fight around 3 am on February 18. No arrests were made.

2.) Secretary-Treasurer report: Minutes from the January board meetings were distributed, reviewed, and approved. A spreadsheet with opening/closing bank balances of the Aycock bank account with all checks and deposits since the last meeting was distributed. There were two corrections to the treasurer's report: 1.) Good Green Fun Fair money was inadvertently placed in the general fund, rather than in the escrow fund; 2.) The deposit of \$500 from Judy Worsley was not a donation, but an actual purchase of luminarias for her rental properties.

Action Item for Christina Cantrell – correct Aycock Bank Balance spreadsheet.

Action Item for Shawn Wriede – post minutes on Historic Aycock District website.

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3.) Historic Home Tour sponsored by Preservation Greensboro is scheduled for **May 21 and 22, 2010 in Aycock and Fisher Park** with five homes from each historic neighborhood on the tour. Bert VanderVeen suggested that a general sprucing of the neighborhood might be in order prior to the event. It was recommended that the real estate agents in the neighborhood might have the most to gain and might agree to be block captains. Linda Fusco reported that Benjamin Briggs of Preservation Greensboro agreed to write an article for the next issue of the Aycock newsletter about the event.

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen – contact real estate agents in the neighborhood as block captains in preparation for the historic home tour.

4.) Park Ave stone walls – An engineering firm has been hired by the city to analyze the wall construction on Park Ave from Charter Place to approx halfway in the 600 block of Park Ave in an attempt to determine why it is crumbling and provide options for a permanent solution. The target date for the completion of the assessment is the first week of March. The expectation is that the entire wall will be renovated rather than a property-by-property approach, although a phased approach may be recommended. It is not clear whether sidewalks and stairs are included in the assessment or the resolution. It is also not clear at this time whether the stone walls are a fundamental characteristic of the neighborhood or of each property.

5.) In response to a question regarding how to report (and have removed) **dead trees** in the neighborhood, which are a potential hazard, the suggestion was to contact the city at 373-CITY or contact Mike Cusimano, who is the arborist for the city.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33 pm.