

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
February 22, 2010

Present: Christina Cantrell, Charlie Conner, Brian Heagney, David Hoggard, Bert VanderVeen
Shawn Wriede, Erica Yamaguchi

Absent: Fabio Camara, Linda Fusco, Justin Smith, Laura Wall

Guests: Officer Doug Campbell

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 pm

1.) Community Watch Report: Officer Doug Campbell presented the police report for February and the **number of theft from vehicle incidents remains high**. Officer Campbell asked if any actions by the police might be considered helpful by the neighborhood. Two suggestions were made:

- a. Have police drive through the neighborhood with more frequency.
- b. Have police officers write up reports while parked in police cruisers on Chestnut St.

2.) COA – Linda Fusco was not present, but she sent her report via email:

- There are **no COAs from Aycock** for the February 24 HPC meeting
- At last month's HPC meeting, the **COA application by Aycock Middle School** for the information sign was approved with the following conditions:
 - Maximum sign height 5 feet
 - Bricks on the sign should match the bricks on the façade of the school building
 - The sign should be modified to add caps mimicking the caps on the brick entrance sign at Yanceyville and Summit Ave.
- Next **newsletter is scheduled for April 1**. Articles must be submitted to Ms. Fusco by March 15 and ads must be submitted by March 20.

3.) Secretary's Report: The **minutes from January 25, 2010** meeting were approved.

Ms. Cantrell requested one of the alternates to attend the **March 13, 2010 Greensboro Neighborhood Congress meeting** (9-11 am at the Central Library on N Church St) as she is out of town that weekend. Mr. VanderVeen may be able to attend.

4.) Treasurer's Report: Justin Smith was not present and did not submit a report.

5.) Vice-President's Report: Laura Wall was not present and did not submit a report.

6.) President's Report: Bert VanderVeen reported that Mike Cowhig, of the Greensboro City Housing and Community Development department, contacted him regarding the possible **repair of deteriorated stone walls on Park Ave**. Since the stone walls are considered fundamental characteristics of the Historic Aycock District, MSD funds may be tapped to pay for repair work. It was noted that the stone walls on Percy are maintained entirely by property owners. Bert VanderVeen provided photos of three lots on Park Ave with broken

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walls. The homeowner (Jim Rounds), who contacted Mike Cowhig about the situation, prefers a reconstruction using the original stones (which requires cataloging of existing stones) but that specialized repair work is very expensive (Mr. Rounds provided a quote of \$12,000 for one lot). After discussion, the **board voted and approved procuring 3 bids to repair all three lots**, each with a cost for reconstruction and for simple repair. After the bids are in, the board will determine if spending MSD funds on part or all of the work is warranted.

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen: Get 3 quotes to repair stone walls on Park Ave. Quotes are to include reconstruction by reusing the original stones and repair by most cost-effective manner.

In the same conversation with Mr. Cowhig, Mr. VanderVeen reported that **Mindy Zachary submitted a meticulous report to Mike Cowhig detailing the storm water issues her house on Summit Ave** is experiencing. Her position is that a sinkhole in the alley behind the house was improperly filled and that is the root cause of her basement flooding. After discussion, it was not clear to the board whether the flooding is due to sinkhole issues, unusually heavy rain this winter, the low topography of the street, or the usual cellar flooding everyone else experiences. No action was taken by the board.

The **Children's Home Society is partnering with Leadership Greensboro to secure funding to turn the property at 740 Chestnut St. into a center that mentors 13-18 year old foster children** and provides a place to go after school. The center would have 2 full-time staff, but would not be a residence for any of the children. CHS's plan is to completely renovate the building and add a basketball goal for neighborhood use. No action by the board is required: the information was supplied by CHS as a courtesy.

A request to **rezone the Dunleith property** from the current RM-18 to the new Planned Development Infill is stalled. Planned Development Infill is a new zoning that was created as part of the Land Development Ordinance (LDO), but the LDO is encountering some resistance and the city is hesitant to approve the rezoning until all aspects of the LDO have been made official. This delays forward momentum on the development of the Dunleith property. No action is required by the board.

Mr. VanderVeen reported from the **Greensboro Minimum Housing Commission** meeting that the demolition of house at **111 Cypress St** is stayed due to the progress of renovation. In other business, the property owner (Benjamin Berryhill) of the house at **311 Leftwich St.** has until May 2010 to make progress on renovation or the house will be scheduled for demolition by neglect.

In business from last meeting, Erica Yamaguchi will proceed with **ordering Doggie Pot** stations.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 pm.