

**Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

January 24, 2011

**Present:** Christina Cantrell, Linda Fusco, Brian Heagney, Jon Mitchell, Bert VanderVeen, Laura Wall, Shawn Wriede

**Absent:** Fabio Camara, David Hoggard

**Guests:** Officer Doug Campbell

**Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 pm**

**1.) Community Watch Report:** Officer Doug Campbell presented a diagram to show how he assembles the police report for Aycock. A map of the police districts shows that part of districts 20, 36, 37, 38, and 62 comprise the historic neighborhood boundaries. Officer Campbell pulls the report from the city's website and then manually removes those streets not in the district. In the period from **December 1, 2010 to present, 3 burglaries and 1 theft of a license plate** were reported.

A new **SRO (School Resource Officer), Cassandra Dark**, has been assigned to Aycock Middle School. Officer Campbell offered to bring her to the next board meeting so she can meet the board members.

Emails on the listserv last week alerted the neighborhood to a **person living close to the railroad tracks on the Dunleith property**. The police have indicated he is a homeless person and there is no indication that he presents a danger to Aycock or Fisher Park. He is a Montagnard and had lived in a homeless shelter but chose not to remain. Bert VanderVeen will notify the owner of the Dunleith property of the situation.

**2.) Board Member Change: Jon Mitchell resigned his board position** as his house is for sale. All of Jon's work on the board and in the neighborhood is appreciated. The board discussed neighbors who might be valuable additions to the board.

**3.) COA for 517 Park Ave** was resubmitted by the property owner after the original request was denied by HPC. The plan is amended to restore the chimney, although non-functional, and replace the roof with green asphalt shingles. After discussion, the board approved the COA.

**4.) Welcome Committee:** Linda Fusco reported that a design meeting on January 9, 2011 produced some ideas for a welcome basket for new neighbors. Ms. Fusco demonstrated the first basket to be presented (to new neighbors Ellen and Damian Rudolph at **505 Park Ave**) which includes a Pecan Festival t-shirt, a Greensboro Dining Guide, a copy of the latest newsletter, a CD with the HPC historic guidelines, an instruction packet on joining the listserv, and jelly beans. There are new neighbors (Jeff Beaman and Sam Parker) at 703 Percy St also.

**Action Item for Linda Fusco: create a welcome basket for new neighbors at 703 Percy St.**

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**5.) Historic Preservation:** As a result of listening sessions in each historic district, HPC created a **draft of revised guidelines** and sent a copy to Bert VanderVeen. The guidelines will be placed on the Aycock Historic District website for review.

**Action Item for Bert VanderVeen – send draft guidelines to Shawn Wriede to place on Aycock Historic District website.**

**Action Item for Shawn Wriede – post draft guidelines on Aycock Historic District website.**

**6.) Luminarias** were rescheduled to December 19, 2010 due to weather. Jon Mitchell, who headed the effort, **reported that a profit of \$690.00** was realized.

**7.) Grocery Store meeting: Deep Roots** is holding a series of meetings to gather support for a possible relocation from the current Spring Garden location to downtown Greensboro on North Eugene St between Fisher Ave and Smith St. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7 pm in the Haywood Duke room at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and all board members and neighbors are invited. Christina Cantrell and Bert VanderVeen plan to attend.

**8.) Beautification of Summit and Murrow corner:** New owners of Breedlove Radiator on Percy St. cleared overgrown shrubbery from a fence that is on city property only to discover a chain link fence in poor condition. Owner **Clint Spivey would like the unattractive fence bordering Summit Ave removed**, but does not wish for his business to be obscured by new fencing or landscaping. The city is agreeable to removing the fence. Bert VanderVeen is scheduled to meet with Mike Cowhig on January 25, 2011 to determine the city's requirements (e.g. is a permanent fence required at that location to protect the ramp to Fisher Ave?) The board decided that a landscape designer might assist in formulating some aesthetic options and agreed MSD funds can be used for that purpose. There was discussion about placing signage to announce the Historic District boundary at that location and also at corner of the Sherwin-Williams block across the street. Clay Gardner has already provided drawings for signs in the neighborhood. It is important not to build anything that may be later demolished as part of the Downtown Greenway or Summit Ave streetscape projects.

**9.) Educational Forum:** Ann Stringfield of Fisher Park applied for and received a grant to be used to **educate board members of historic districts in Greensboro about historic preservation**. The date for the forum is April 9, 2011 from 9 am to 3 pm at a location to be determined. Bert VanderVeen distributed a signup sheet.

**10.) Secretary-Treasurer report: Minutes from the September and November** board meetings were distributed, reviewed, and approved (there was no meeting in October). A spreadsheet with opening/closing bank balances of the Aycock bank account and all checks and deposits since the last meeting was distributed, reviewed, and approved.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:40 pm.