

**Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
July 27, 2009

**Present:** Christina Cantrell, Charlie Conner, Linda Fusco, Jennifer Lanza, Shawn Wriede

**Absent:** Fabio Camara, Maliq Culbreath, Shawn Patch, Justin Smith, Bert VanderVeen, Laura Wall

**Guests:** Sarah Brewer from Urban Harvest

**Meeting Start: 6:34 pm**

- 1.) **Community Watch Report:** Neither Fabio Camara nor the Community Resource Officers were present. No report.
- 2.) **Secretary's Report:** The **minutes from June 29** meeting were approved. Copies were not available for distribution, but will be distributed at the next board meeting.
- 3.) **Treasurer's Report:** Justin Smith had a last-minute emergency at his home and was not able to attend. No report.
- 4.) Linda Fusco reported that **Community Watch decals** (3 per page) are being offered by the vendor at \$22.00 per pack (50 pages per pack) and recommended that the board purchase 2 packs to include in new resident kits and for sale at \$1.00 per page. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Fusco unveiled the plans for **Neighborhood Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 pm**. The theme is an **ice cream and cake carnival** with games and activity tables. The **suggested donation is \$3.00** per person. The hotdog vendor's wares are priced separately. Ms. Fusco will have flyers ready to deliver on Wednesday, July 29 with the following delivery schedule:

Fifth Ave from Sullivan to Percy – Fabio  
Cypress St from Sullivan to Percy, and the one house on Dewey – Christina  
All Percy St – Justin  
All Brandon St – Christina  
E. Hendrix St from Yanceyville to the railroad tracks – Charlie  
All Chestnut St, and the one house on Leftwich – Charlie  
Park Ave from Summit to Dewey – Shawn W.  
Charter Pl from Fifth to Park – Christina  
Summit Ave from the Murrow Interchange to Dewey – Shawn W

Mystkdog, recommended by Shawn Patch because his band is not available, will provide **live entertainment**. A **hotdog vendor** is available to provide hotdogs, Hawaiian Ice, and lemonade.

**Volunteers are required** to man the Moonwalk, the popcorn machine, and the cotton candy machine. Jennifer Lanza suggested a volunteer for the children's activity table and will

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provide volunteers for the ice cream station. Laura Wall agreed to collect the donations. The **setup for the event** is scheduled to start in the afternoon. Volunteers are needed for setup. A volunteer is also needed to drive the U-Haul truck to deliver and return items.

**Action Item for Linda Fusco – send request to listserv for volunteers for NNO.**

Sarah Brewer would like to set up a **table for Urban Harvest at NNO.**

**Pending items for NNO:** 1.) Permit to block off portion of Fifth Ave between Dewey and the edge of Sternberger Park - Linda Fusco will contact Melanie Daniels, 2.) Location of electrical outlet in Sternberger Park for popcorn machine, hotdog cart, and cotton candy machine and to inflate Moonwalk. If one cannot be located, a suggestion was made to line up the machines on the sidewalk in front of Linda Fusco's and Bert VanderVeen's house and run extension cords to the sidewalk.

5.) The **Dunleath Gardens COA** for shed, walkways, and (future) fences is on the HCP agenda for Wednesday, July 29. The COA was postponed from the June meeting. However, Sarah Brewer reports that specific construction and material details are still not available. Linda Fusco plans to attend the meeting; the COA will likely be rejected (or postponed) due to lack of sufficient detail.

6.) **Vice-President's Report:** Laura Wall was not able to attend. She sent her report:

Ms. Wall prefers a **Yard of the Month Award** as opposed to a Yard of the Season because having only one recipient per year does not provide sufficient incentive to maintain front yards. However, the new requirement to post photographs of the nominations on the website appears to slow down the process. The suggestion to have each nomination accompanied by a photograph was rejected by the board because the quality of a picture should not influence the decision to select the finalist. Sarah Brewer of Urban Harvest offered to take pictures of the nominees on her rounds. The current nominations are

711 Percy St  
703 Fifth Ave  
114 Cypress St  
680 Chestnut St  
750 Chestnut St

The board voted unanimously to **vote on the current nominations** (photo or no photo) by Friday, July 31

**Action Item for Christina Cantrell – send an email to the board with the current nominations for Yard of the Month.**

Ms. Wall reports that **Greensboro Beautiful is satisfied with the medians** under the direction of the new landscape contractor. She also submitted Aycock as a nominee for a

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Greensboro Beautiful award to be presented at Greensboro Beautiful's Annual Meeting and Awards Reception on Thursday, August 27.

- 7.) **President's Report** - Bert VanderVeen was not able to attend. He sent his report:  
**Additional board members** need to be recruited. The only board position that is not filled permanently is the neighborhood representative to the HCP monthly meetings, which is currently filled by Linda Fusco on a temporary basis until Shawn Patch's schedule becomes more stable. However, additional at-large members are desirable. Jennifer Lanza suggested **Erica Yamaguchi** as a potential board member. The remaining board members agreed she is a good candidate.
- 8.) **Urban Harvest** – Sarah Brewer ([sarahbrew@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbrew@gmail.com)) is the **new community liaison** for Urban Harvest. She reports that there is good response for plot rentals from Aycock and Fisher Park, but not from other neighborhoods in Greensboro. She speculates that the area may seem small from Chestnut St; people may not realize how much land is available. The mitigation plan is to provide aerial maps with the leased plots to visually display the entire property. Soil enrichments have been added and recent rain has helped the garden. In response to a question about plot selection, Ms. Brewer said that each renter, upon receipt of the application and check by Urban Harvest, meets with an Urban Harvest representative to select a plot and review the rights and responsibilities. Shawn Wriede added Ms. Brewer's email and the email for Urban Harvest to the Aycock listserv.

Ms. Brewer also inquired about a **community yard sale**. Although the neighborhood has not sponsored an official yard sale, the Hoggards, along with others on Cypress St, generally have a yard sale in August. Linda Fusco agreed to send the Hoggard's email address to Ms. Brewer to see if that event can be the base for a community event.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:11 pm.