

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

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

Absent: Fabio Camara, Brian Heagney, David Hoggard

Guests: Robert Coltun

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36 pm

1.) Community Watch Report: Officer Doug Campbell was not present and did not send a report. However, Bert VanderVeen checked the police report and found some theft **from vehicle incidents**. In addition, Fisher Park reported a high number of robberies in which the perpetrator **enters the home through a basement window**. It was also noted that Charter St. between Summit Ave and Fifth Ave has no street lights and no houses, so it is a very dark stretch for pedestrian traffic.

Action Item for Christina Cantrell – contact city to see about lighting options for Charter St.

2.) Treasurer’s Report: David Hoggard is unable to continue the Treasurer duties. Christina Cantrell volunteered to accept the position if no one objected to one board member holding both the Secretary and Treasurer role. A motion was made, seconded, and the board voted unanimously to **approve Christina Cantrell as Treasurer**.

Action Item for Christina Cantrell - contact Justin Smith to transfer account holder authority.

3.) Pecan Festival/Goodwill Partnership: Linda Fusco presented the profit and loss breakdown. The grants have not been received yet.

- a. Revenue - \$1,589.00
 - i. Zora Medor grant - \$500.00
 - ii. Breedlove Raditor grant - \$75.00
 - iii. Goodwill Industries grant - \$300.00
 - iv. Proceeds from food/t-shirt sales - \$714.00
- b. Expenses - \$1,112.39
 - i. Jenn Lanza (mac-n-cheese) - \$80.00
 - ii. Susan Elliott (sides, pecan bars) - \$206.00
 - iii. Linda Fusco (paper products, drinks) - \$109.00
 - iv. Linda Fusco (pumpkins, bales of hay) - \$200.00
 - v. David Hoggard (BBQ) - \$150.00
 - vi. T-shirts - \$370.39
 - vii. Tables and mums – donated by Christina and Robert Cantrell
 - viii. Kid’s games and prizes – donated by Linda Fusco and Robert Coltun

Profit = \$476.61

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- 4.) **Alleyway Issues Committee:** Sterling Adjustment Company sent Linda Fusco a detailed letter dated November 4, 2010 regarding the storm water issues in the 600 block of Summit Ave and Park Ave which determined **the complaint is a private water issue** and not a public one that can be resolved by the city. Ms. Fusco and Shawn Wriede reminded the board that the city offered some resolution to Mindy Zachary, but Ms. Zachary did not find those offers acceptable. Based on the city's finding, the Alleyway Issues Committee has closed the complaint file. The board discussed possible follow-up action and decided to send an email to the listserv explaining the actions of the committee and the findings of the city to clarify the process to the neighborhood.

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen – send an email to the listserv explaining the efforts of the Alleyways Issues Committee.

- 5.) **Welcome Committee:** Linda Fusco reported that individuals on every street in the neighborhood volunteered for the welcome committee. Each person on the committee will **monitor for new residents on his or her street** and present the Welcome Kit to each new household.
- 6.) **Historic Preservation** held **listening sessions in each historic district** in Greensboro in order to revise the historic overlay guidelines. The Aycock session was on Monday, November 15, 2010; Bert VanderVeen, Jon Mitchell, and Christina Cantrell from the board attended. Some possible revisions suggested in the meeting were to allow reusable energy, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and rain barrels. There was also a request for the Historic Preservation to provide a list of contractors who are sensitive to historic renovation. A subsequent meeting is scheduled for early spring.
- 7.) **Luminarias** are scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2010 which is the same date as Fisher Park's event. Jon Mitchell agreed to head the effort. The board discussed setting a specific time period to **pick up the luminarias (tentatively Saturday from 2-4 pm) at Sternberger Park**, possibly combining a Christmas Lighted Ball making party and a visit from Santa Claus. There was discussion whether caroling at St. Leo's on Sunday would be welcomed by the residents; last year, the carolers were not well-received, possibly because no communication about the event was sent to St. Leo's. The price of each luminaria is set at \$1.00 and **pre-ordering** benefits early set-up of kits. The materials that are needed:
- a. Sand
 - b. Paper bags (*If It's Paper* is going out of business and may have sufficient quantity at good price)
 - c. Votive candles

Neighbors are encouraged to bring cider or hot cocoa to the park.

Action Item for Jon Mitchell – determine leaf pickup schedule for any possible conflict
Action Item for Jon Mitchell – send email to listserv for residents to pre-order luminarias

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Action Item for Jon Mitchell – order materials for luminarias

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen – contact Justin Smith about lighted ball-making at the park

Action Item for Laura Wall – contact Santa Claus to arrange a visit

Action Item for Laura Wall – contact St Leo’s to see if caroling on Sunday night might be welcome by the residents

- 8.) Neighborhood Small Business:** Laura Wall reported on the status of three Neighborhood Small Business grants that were presented in 2007. A project submitted by another community (for a footbridge over a highway) was approved, but the cost was less than the grant money and Ms. Wall was informed by the city that there are sufficient funds to complete one of her submissions, which is **landscape improvement to Sternberger Park**. The garden design has been completed and approved by the residents surrounding the park (after removal of all park benches) and City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department is expected to complete the work at a time TBD.

In addition to Sternberger Park improvements, there are also two submissions for signage.

- i) Brick **Historic Aycock District sign** approximately 16 feet wide at the corner of Yanceyville St. and Bessemer St.
- ii) Brick **Aycock Middle School sign** at the corner of Cypress St. and Bessemer St. The cost of this sign will be divided by the neighborhood and the school; the neighborhood’s portion is approximately \$2,000.00.

There are new requirements currently in effect for signage. The drawings must be **approved by GDOT** to ensure site clearance. The **deadline for submission is November 30, 2010**, but the drawings (by architect Rich Loman) for the Historic Aycock sign are not complete and Ms. Wall is seeking an extension of the deadline. In addition, there is no designated person at GDOT to review and approve the drawings, so it is unclear to whom to send the drawings. Finally, the signs must be **submitted as a COA** to the Historic Preservation Commission.

After discussion, the board decided to **submit the Aycock Middle School sign for a Neighborhood Small Business grant and pay for the Historic Aycock sign with MSD funds**. The board made a motion, seconded, and approved to pay \$400.00 of MSD funds to Rich Loman, Architect to provide the drawings for the sign.

Originally, Laura Wall asked Christina Cantrell to take the drawings to GDOT prior to the November 30 deadline, but Ms. Wall will determine if soft copy versions are acceptable. **Action Item for Laura Wall – determine if GDOT requires hardcopy drawings or if soft copies sent via email are acceptable for site clearance approval.**

- 9.) Summit Ave Corridor Plan:** The board discussed the neighborhood naming conflict (State historic registers lists the neighborhood as Summit Ave, but locally it is known as Aycock) and determined the best opportunity for rebranding will occur as the Summit Ave Corridor

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plan is implemented. Until then, enhancements that involve a name (such as street-toppers) will be postponed.

Action Item for Laura Wall – follow-up on CIP proposal

Action Item for Laura Wall – contact Richard Atkins for follow-up session

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm.