

**Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**  
May 20, 2013

**Present:** Linda Fusco, Sara Farnsworth, Shawn Wriede, Christina Cantrell, Khalil Perilstein, Mindy Zachary (via phone).

**Absent:** David Wharton, Jon Mitchell, Bert VanderVeen, Betsey Baun, Joe Kilpatrick (alternate)

**Guests:** Sgt. L. Patterson of GPD, Jen Kimbrough of GCAPP

**The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 20, 2013 at Sternberger Artist Center, 712 Summit Ave. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Linda Fusco. Secretary Sara Farnsworth was in attendance to take the minutes.**

- 1. Special Speaker - Jen Kimbrough of Guilford Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention** spoke about her organization and its plans to sponsor a race event in the fall. The 30-year-old organization's primary goal is to support young people to make healthy choices and have dreams. They encourage parents talking to their kids more, support health and access to care, and encourage comprehensive health education in schools. They plan to change their organization's name soon to better reflect the expanse of their mission. The organization plans to sponsor a 5k race, 1 mile fun run, and health fair this fall, most likely on the morning of October 26th. Their idea is to route the race through our neighborhood, starting and ending at Atycock Middle School. They would handle procuring the event permit and police participation as needed. Board members were enthusiastic about the idea and offered to help in any capacity. Board members discussed scheduling the neighborhood Pecan Festival for the same day.
  
- 2. Community Resource Officer Report:** Sergeant Patterson reported on four area crime incidents between 4/22/2013 and 5/19/2013. One was an assault that occurred at Aycock Middle School. Two larcenies from autos were reported on Percy Street on May 2, both from unlocked cars, including one GPS device stolen. A neighborhood watch email reported the event to neighbors on a timely basis. On April 29th, a burglary occurred at 753 Chestnut. A door was forced open, drawers were rifled through, but nothing was reported stolen. A suspect was seen leaving the premises.  
  
Sgt. Patterson reported that the homeless camp on city property at the Summit & Murrow cloverleaf had been cleared out. The police and property owner are looking at options for the separate camp at the Dunleith area near the railroad tracks. The police tend to not actively try to clear people out if it's not a problem area.
  
- 3. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 22, 2013 board meeting** were reviewed and approved. **ACTION ITEM** for Shawn Wriede: **Post approved minutes to the website.**
  
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Christina Cantrell distributed the monthly Treasurer Reports, which show a balance of \$7,888.01 with \$4,384.24 in the General Fund and the rest in escrow

accounts. A number of donations have been received for the Dunleith Community Garden, and Esther Maltby has retained an individual named Cliff Tisdale to provide very affordable lawn services for the garden.

**Continued ACTION ITEM for Christina Cantrell: Christina volunteered to write an article for the next newsletter to emphasize the fact that the newsletter printing is provided without cost to the neighborhood and thank Mike McQuaid and his company for their generosity.**

**5. Community Development:** No report.

**6. Community Watch:** No report.

**7. Historic Preservation:** No report.

**8. Technology:** No report.

**9. Welcoming:** No report.

**10. Alleyway Issues:** No report.

**11. Special Projects:**

a) Linda Fusco presented information about options for types of **trash cans** to be placed at four selected locations throughout the neighborhood. Two options were presented: A single round can type for \$800 each, or a double-can combination garbage/recycling type for \$2200 each. In discussion, board members pointed out that in our contract discussions with Dunlap, we did not discuss having multiple types of trash removed. The dual-type can option was also expensive and large in size. **Board members voted unanimously to expend MSD funds to purchase four of the \$800 non-recycling round cans for placement at both ends of the Max Thompson bridge, on the neighborhood side of the Leftwich tunnel, and in Sternberger Park.**

b) Linda Fusco reported on the property at **740 Chestnut Street** which Children's Home Society has offered to donate to the Neighborhood Association. Members of the committee went several times to view the property and meet with the Children's Home Society representative, once with just committee members, once with city employees, and once with architect Carl Myatt and his builder Jack Sharp. The committee is currently seeking cost estimates for various options from Myatt & Sharp, and clarification about whether the Neighborhood Association as a nonprofit would be liable for property taxes.

**12. Old Business - Park Avenue Escrow Funds:** Christina Cantrell has further investigated options for reallocating the funds held in escrow for which there were apparently never any clear guidelines set up for their use. Board members agreed that we do not currently have interest in setting up a revolving fund for lending out funding for rehabilitation projects. Board members agreed with Linda Fusco's proposal that we should write an email to the

neighborhood population via the llistserv, asking if anyone remembers what the \$3,000 from twelve years ago was for and stating that we would like to revert those funds to the general fund for general neighborhood use. If we don't get an answer back, we will reallocate them. **ACTION ITEM for Linda Fusco/Christina Cantrell: Email listserv about the Park Avenue Escrow funds, asking for information about intended use and serving notice that they will be reverted back to the general fund.**

### **13. New Business**

a) National Night Out: Board members agreed to stick with the Porch Parties this year for the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to host porch parties.

b) Pecan Festival: Sara volunteered to head the Pecan Festival this year, with Linda providing assistance. Date was set for October 26, 2013 to coincide with the GCAPP 5K race.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 pm**