

**HANA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
23 JANUARY 2017**

Board Members Present: David Wharton, Mindy Zachary, Lynne Leonard, Raleigh Stout, Becky Muich, Graham Sheridan, Shawn Wriede

Others: Officer Randy C. Dixon, Michelle Podeszwe, Carrie S. Reeves, Zack Matheny, Mebane Ham, Betsey Horth

**6:32 Meeting Called to order by Shawn Wriede (SW)**

**Officer Randy C. Dixon's Report (RD)**

No crime reported in our neighborhood

He is new to the district

Best way to reach is desk phone: 3366734643

email also preferred -- emails are printed and stacked

- Larceny in motor vehicles; make sure that you lock your doors -- many people not doing this for some reason
- If you are having lighting issues in your area, please let us know so that he can see to it
- He has gone door to door in some streets knocking on doors and passing out fliers
- David Wharton (DW): larceny reported next door 669 Percy
- Remember to lock doors. We have had burglaries, but they are not random; usually criminals are casing a joint; varying your leaving time, leave a light on.
- Do not open door to someone you do not know. "No thank you, not today, we're not giving out anything today; please go away before we call the police." And then call the police. Don't want to give them the opportunity.
- Front yard fencing and big dogs barking and alarm signs (even if you don't actually have an alarm) can also be effective deterrents
- Discussion of recent solicitation attempts; has also made attempts on Elm Street; about 20 reports via listserv; Officer says anytime this happens, send the information directly to the Officer
  - Officer will try to go to the IRC or track him down at Lee Street
- No other reports from board members or other attendees

Raleigh Stout (RS): State of the District meeting -- RS is attending

RS: Police and Office of Transportation have offered to come to survey the school parking lot to address congestions. Friday 27th and Monday the 30th. RS is happy to keep interested parties in the loop.

Mindy Zachary (MZ) suggests getting him an outline map of our neighborhood

Lynne Leonard (LL) asks if he is on the neighborhood listserv

Action: send map via email

**6:57 Summit Ave Project**

Carry Reeves with City of Greensboro Transportation; Michelle Podeszwe from HDR Engineering

Touching base

- 103 Comments returned (a lot of good feedback)
- 2 options: one with median down the middle; the other has one lane in each direction plus a bike lane
- moving into design stage
- want to have another public meeting, but because bonds passed, there is more funding, so are adding extension to project to downtown into the Tanger center area
- will combine designs, so will take some time to get feedback: spring 2017 to come back to community, then one more in the fall (this is why they are running a little behind)
- very excited about the participation
- RS question: what if we generate an idea or two? Answer: There is a list going on gdot.
- RS question: about bike lanes: have all been scheduled for construction or not? (From participatory budget) Answer: CR not involved in this project directly
- contact via website

#### **7:04 Zack Matheny Director of Downtown Greensboro Projects**

This was a lengthy update on several ongoing projects in downtown Greensboro: below are the highlights

When bonds were being discussed and passed; what projects could we have with immediate impact?

- Project mentioned above (Summit Avenue renovation); Church street (quick hits where projects are in motion); since Aycock and Fisher and Westerwood and College Hill are connected, trying to keep connected and informed
- From Tanger to Aycock.....Tanger should get news in the spring, Walker (?) wants to announce something asap. In the permitting and insurance phase with the state; not a local situation, but a government concern
- Great landlady in the Flatiron building
- Gate City Motors: request to see if this could become a shovel-ready site property (this is pushing the envelope a bit) (if leveled, might get a better visual on the potentialities there)
- Council needs to understand the significance of the streetscape they are going to approve, so having advocates out to help educate them is important.
- ZM: most of the stuff you hear about downtown development is true: 168Mil in projects last year
- This year, counting Tanger, we are looking at roughly \$300 M, but not counting \$25 M in streetscape; will hear more about this in 3 months; look for op-ed in News and Record.
- More bodies and hotels downtown. (Increase in over 200K people downtown last year)
- Hyatt Place, plus perhaps two more hotels in the future
- Festival of Lights: brought 50K people downtown
- Working on First Fridays -- would like to bring back more of arts focused

- Working of quality of life events as much as economic developments
- 12,230 residents w/in walking distance of downtown
- Jay Young -- get to know him -- renovating the old Cadillac building on Market and Church

Some questions and conversation with the board:

DW: what could our neighborhood do to get interest generated?

DW: Re: Murrow and the Pack, underdeveloped area: selling the property might go a little faster if they open up the cloverleaf for development

ZM: There might also be lack of enforcement on the property

DW: Tired of being the crazy neighborhood constantly calling to enforce zoning properties

MZ: They need to sell the property

ZM: No private investor will buy

MZ: Could adding in the cloverleaf as a development enticement sweeten the deal?

ZM: It could, but the investors couldn't be local; might need to recruit from outside to help investors see potential, we have cheap real estate

MZ: Have you taken a look at the Aycock Square visuals? ZM: I have looked at one. MZ: Have someone sit with you to walk you through.

ZM: Gave an example of the Kirkwood neighborhood supporting development on Lawndale.

SW: Fun Fourth? We loved having the race come through the neighborhood -- with more advance notice, we can put some signage up and have some folks up to greet them.

Question: What will happen to the building that used to house Molly McGuire's bar; old firestation with a nice facade

ZM: It's part of the Marriott facility because the Marriott owns it -- has only heard rumors so far

#### **7:44 Approval of Meeting Minutes from 28 November 2016**

DW Move to approve

MZ Second

Passed unanimously

#### **7:44 COAs -- MZ is not prepared for discussion**

624 Park Ave on corner of Yanceyville, big foursquare up on hill

current owners renting

interior or exterior door in place of historic glass door (more modern)

after the fact issue; done 3-4 months ago

- SW reported it
- MZ: We defer to the preservation commission
- SW: an obviously non-conforming door
- MZ: kind of a moot point for us; will be decided by the right people

### **7:48 Betsy Horth (left meeting earlier), Mebane Ham, Lynne Leonard proposal**

Discussion of the proposal for Porchfest, as sent to the members of the board

Questions?

MZ: 3K in checking -- this may deplete our funds by half; can we sponsor or have an underwriting partner

LL: Committee members will be going after sponsorships and grants; can have donation jars at the events, but want to keep it as free as possible

LL: I have estimates

Graham Sheridan (GS): Get a one-day alcohol permit and sell beer

LL: No beer this year

DW: Would like to be able to pay the musicians something

LL: not a national custom; trying to build community; 30 mins to an hour per performance

LL: interior and external signs

Mebane Ham (MH): get signs we can reuse

LL: date is June 10

LL: needs to be family-friendly entertainment

MH: porches are already offered;

Becky Muich (BM): consider UNCG student bands

MZ: concerned about dancers (porches may not be safest performance spaces)

MH: final event is at Sternberger Park

MZ: where food trucks?

LL: possibly have the food trucks set up around the neighborhood, probably need a few more hand-picked food vendors, must be self-sufficient

MZ: Will the performances be progressive and simultaneous?

Each porch has one performance, staggered performances; no closed streets, will coordinate with police

DW: donation repository at each stop, with a suggested donation?

MZ: Ask for sponsorships in newsletter?

LL/MH: Covington Foundation, Building Stronger Neighborhood Foundation

MZ: If we move up the Meet Pete as a fundraiser for a few months previously, we can raise some money

MZ/DW: Could have the new neighborhood name set, so it might be a good opp for an unveiling, buying new merch

Mousa (?) will sponsor

MZ: Jules and Nathaniel are new UNCG music pros who might have some contacts at UNCG music school

MZ: I move that I give them a \$1000 for budget; RS seconded; discussion

Meet Pete, can it cover?

T-shirts equals \$800

Wants to feel like we have at least some money from the board so that we don't have to scrounge all money from donations

Can we set a fundraising goal

Board can approve up to \$1000 for the event; unless we fundraise more  
ArtsGreensboro, Action Greensboro  
can we approve \$1000 now, and then revisit  
\$20 for t-shirt

Board is moves to approve 1000 for first round funding  
SW seconded  
passes unanimously

### **8:14 Treasurer's Report**

MZ: We are at the end of the year; we are supposed to have our books audited  
18 checks only; thinking of looking for a retired accountant to manage this  
RS moves to accept report  
LL seconds  
unanimously passes

### **8:20 Fundraising Report**

MZ: Now we know what to expect, will send out the feelers for the Meet Pete fundraiser for end  
of March

### **8:22 President's Report**

Stormwater Drainage

SW: Mentioned the Waggl delay

MZ: drainage study for alleys on stormwater drainage; postcards concerns; attach postcard to  
newsletter; will need to get actual postcard in email; given a list from Cindy Lancaster(?);  
throughout the neighborhood

DW: will talk to Stefan Leigh about that

LL: thought we would just pay to ensure everyone gets one

MZ: what is easiest for folks: have an email address or phone number on the postcard to  
encourage them to report

DW: distinction b/t water on your property, or water in public areas

MZ: very specific in questions from Cindy

Neighborhood Re-Naming

DW: confirmation that the Dick family did own 12 slaves, and Mrs. Dick was very happy at the  
end of the Civil War that she was able to emancipate the slaves

DW: Dunleith was not named for a person

SW: history of bequeathing slaves

MZ: this is a farm name, name of the estate, not celebrating the person

DW: we celebrate the whole history

MZ: new middle school name? SW: Melvin C. Swan Middle School

### **8:31 Becky Muich new Secretary**

SW moves to transfer secretary duties to Becky Muich  
MZ: second  
unanimously passed

### **8:32 Newsletter**

Lars Farabee not present, no new activity reported

### **8:33 Technology**

SW: No new activity to report  
MZ: we renewed the domain name

### **8:34 Welcoming**

SW: any new people who need to be welcomed?  
GS: Attorney for CWS  
GS: blue house on Park is the only one that is for sale  
MZ: Stan Montgomery's coffee shop is up for auction; DW talked to realtor, and buyer wants to live it in and asked him about tax credits; very excited about the Summit Ave. corridor project  
LL: Breedlove property? Still owned, but no one living there.  
GS: need something on the little area where the steps lead up across from the Mercury dealership

### **8:38 Events**

LL: hasn't started on Neighborhood Night Out  
LL: Brian contacted about doing a Winter Wipeout; Feb 15-28  
LL: April 1 will be Spring Clean Up  
See events listing on Greensborobeautiful.org  
RS: Homecoming can mess things up -- can we consider doing a clean up after that event?  
Usually just after the September cleanup.  
LL: Let me think about it; should be that A&T puts out extra trash cans

### **8:42 New Business**

RS: Police chief Scott offering to come to our neighborhood; anytime from now until spring; what are our resources?  
Board: Try this room first (community room at St. Leo's Place)  
RS wants to defer to events committee;  
LL doesn't need to be special events.  
RS No rush, it can wait until last meeting.

### **8:44 Action list priorities**

Tabled.

### **8:44 Adjourn**

DW move to adjourn  
MZ seconded

unanimously passed