

**Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association**  
*Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*  
*for*  
*August 30, 2005*

**Present:** Betsey Baun, Ritch Chapman, Mebane Ham, Tracy Lamothe, John Mandrano, Mindy McReynolds, Jacynthia Mitchell, and Miki Moore.  
**Absent:** Steve Ruzicka and Dave Wharton.  
**Guests:** Officer Greg Gardener, Maliq Culbreath, and Mrs. Johnson (resident of St. Leo's Place whose grandson attends Aycock Middle School).

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President, Betsey Baun.**

**I. MINUTES**

The July 25<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**II. COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Officer Greg Gardner** reported a total of six incidents in July and August, all in shopping centers on Summit Avenue except for two break-ins at the Executive Center on Summit Avenue.

- Executive Center - At the Executive Center unit #2 is the worst unit. This tenant has been evicted. Eight of the 22 total units have been condemned.
- Juvenile Vandalism - Now that Aycock Middle School has been back in session we may need to watch for juvenile vandalism. The School Resource Officer (SRO) at Aycock for the past 5 years is Tom Branson. Officer Gardener spoke with him a couple of days ago and Branson said that the uniform dress policy at Aycock has had a positive influence on student behavior.
- Charter Place - An abandoned car on the street has been removed. There is another one on the property t at 514 Charter that needs to be removed.
- Sternberger Park - Homelessness complaint: Gardner said the intruder looked clean cut and was carrying a book bag. It was an isolated incident - one night only, and probably a partygoer.
- Code Violations - Both Aycock and Fisher Park have about 45% rental property. Gardner has been inside virtually all these units in the past 2 months, and says none of them is really bad. There have been code violations, but nothing significant.
- Chestnut Street activity - Gardner found a prostitute he remembered from Randleman Road named "Pocahontas" (real name Jennifer Wade) wandering Chestnut recently. Her description fits her name of Pocahontas. Turns out she had stolen a car from a customer at Greensboro Inn and the car broke down. He believes from observing her that she was on crack that day. He doesn't believe she was working the street, as this isn't her area. She was simply stranded because of the broken-down (stolen) car. Also, the former bed and breakfast two doors down from the corner of Brandon St. is rented by the room, by the week. There has been drug activity. The son of the owner just moved back in and said he would keep a rein on the place.
- Noise Ordinance - Final revision of the new noise Ordinance is still coming. Five machines will be rotated throughout the city.

**III. NEW BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

All present were in favor of these new officer appointments:

Betsey Baun, <i>President</i>	Tracy Lamothe, <i>Vice President</i>
Mindy McReynolds, <i>Secretary</i>	Jacynthia Mitchell, <i>Treasurer</i>

All present were in favor of these appointments:

Dave Wharton, <i>Code &amp; Zoning, Newsletter/Website, Parliamentarian</i>	Ritch Chapman, <i>Beautification</i>
John Mandrano, <i>Community Watch</i>	

All present were in favor of having David Horth and Betsey Baun organize a workshop/mini-retreat for Board members to create a vision for the year and to get to know one another better.

All present were in favor of holding off on the following appointments until after the workshop/mini-retreat:  
*Marketing/Communications Chair and Fundraising Chair*

All present were in favor of Maliq Culbreath being appointed as alternate Board member.

#### **IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

##### **President's Report – Betsey Baun**

- Bylaws – Betsey and Mindy McReynolds agreed to provide Aycock Board Bylaws to members of the Board.
- Max Thompson – Betsey announced that Max Thompson of Cypress Street passed away. As one of the forefathers of the neighborhood, all present agreed to send flowers to his family from the neighborhood, and also to donate a living memorial in his name (a tree in Sternberger Park was suggested). Mebane Ham agreed to take care of sending flowers to the family tomorrow.
- Light posts – Betsey announced that a request has been made for the City to examine our light posts, as they are showing signs of distress and erosion. Mike Covington of the City has not responded to Betsey's communications, so she is going to the next person up the ladder. Mrs. Johnson of St. Leo's Place complained of Sullivan Street being too dark, and others present readily agreed. Betsey added Sullivan Street to areas needing more lights.
- Summit Avenue Corridor Study – The first meeting with the study firm is scheduled for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Leo's. Betsey encouraged all to attend.
- War Memorial Stadium Study – meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Fisher/Murrow Blvd. – The white building across from the Pet Building is turning into a car dump.

##### **Vice-President's Report –**

##### **Treasurer's Report – Tracy Lamothe**

- Financial Report – there is still a checkbook balance of \$6326.40.
- Defunct Garden Club - Tracy informed the Board that former Garden Club organizer, Donna Meyers, has left the group and neighborhood, and a three-year-old bank account for the group that should have almost \$200 in it has only \$5. All present agreed that Betsey Baun should send a certified letter to Donna requesting legitimate receipts or repayment of the missing funds.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Beautification –**

##### **Code/Zoning Enforcement –**

##### **Community Watch –**

##### **Fundraising –**

- 711 Park Avenue – Jacynthia says a sign will go up this week. The property is also being listed on Channel 13. She's had some inquiries, but nothing solid yet.

##### **Newsletter –**

##### **Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds**

No report.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- COA Request - All present approved the requested changes/improvements for the COA application for 613 Park Avenue. It was also brought up that First Presbyterian Church has requested permission to demolish a house on Elm Street for more parking, and has offered the house free to anyone who will pay to move it. The Fisher Park Neighborhood Assoc. opposes removing or demolishing the house. All present agreed that the Aycock Board would go on record supporting Fisher Park's Board in this matter. Mindy McReynolds will be our spokesperson at the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting regarding these two matters.

**Next Board Meeting:** TBD pending the resolution of scheduling conflicts.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30 p.m.