

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
for
June 25, 2006

Present: Maliq Culbreath (alternate), Tracy Lamothe, John Mandrano, Mindy McReynolds, Jacynthia Mitchell and Steve Ruzicka.
Absent: Betsey Baun, Ritch Chapman, Mebane Ham, Miki Moore, and Dave Wharton.
Guests: Paula Patch, Charlie Connor, Thomas and Brenda Lloyd (all new residents).

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Board Vice-President, Tracey Lamothe.

I. MINUTES

Minutes for the April meeting were approved. There was no May meeting.

II. COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Officer Greg Gardner was unable to attend.

III. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report – Betsey Baun (absent), but notes read by Tracy Lamothe.

- War Memorial Stadium – The City Council briefing is scheduled for late August. This board will hear about that in July. Then there will be a late September City Council meeting to try and get this onto the fall bond referendum.
- Lampposts – No news.

Vice-President's Report – Tracy Lamothe

- Max Thompson Dedication – The Hendrix St. Bridge Dedication was a great success. There was a strong turnout and 175 hamburgers and hotdogs were eaten, and we received good news coverage.
- Fun Forth and Run/Walk – a reminder that Mebane had e-mailed the listserv looking for volunteers to help with the Run/Walk event.

Treasurer's Report – Jacynthia Mitchell

- Financial Report – We have about \$5274.00 in our checking account, depleted by newsletter costs (\$154) and bridge dedication costs (\$30 for street closings, \$400 for catering, \$50 for entertainment). The new Revolving Fund account has not yet been opened as Dave Hoggard, former Treasurer, is trying to get Wachovia to waive the fees that had been deducted over the past few years. It is believed this should have been an exempt account.
- 711 Park Avenue sale – This sale has not yet been finalized. Our check has been cut but there is some fine tuning being worked out on the contract's terms of sale between the City and buyer, Greg Lake.
- Mandrano Properties – John Mandrano added that he will be selling 3 SFR on Chestnut Street over the next two years. If the neighborhood brings him buyers, he will donate 1% of the sales price to the neighborhoods Revolving Fund. One property is 702 Chestnut Street.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification – Ritch Chapman (absent)

No report.

Code/Zoning Enforcement – Dave Wharton (absent)

Community Watch – John Mandrano, Amanda Charest (absent) and Mike Foye (absent)

- National Night Out – will be held on the 1st Tuesday in August. Usually we have a children's parade, cookout, and combine it with our annual meeting where we also elect new board members. Mindy reported that the kick-off for that event will be held tomorrow night and the Mike Foye will attend. John Mandrano volunteered to attend as well and will contact Mike.
- Block Captains – Mindy reported that Amanda Charest and Mike Foye are working to revive our Neighborhood Watch program.
- Suspicious Character – John Mandrano reported a suspicious character of Indian or Middle-Eastern descent who regularly parks his car by the Max Thompson/Hendrix St. Bridge in order to make cell phone calls.

Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds

- DRC – No report.
- HPC – The Connors' COA request (758 Chestnut) was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Newsletter/Website – Dave Wharton (absent)

No report

Neighborhood Congress (www.gnc-nc.org) – Dave Wharton (absent)

No report.

Public Relations – Jacynthia Mitchell

- Neighborhood Branding – Jacynthia asked again that we start this process, which first means to settle on a 'name' for the neighborhood. She asks that we give this some thoughtful consideration over before the next board meeting in hopes we can reach a consensus. There is some confusion with Aycock St. west of the UNCG campus. Maliq had written an article for the last newsletter regarding a name change back to the Summit Avenue Neighborhood, as that is what it had been traditionally called. The National Register lists the neighborhood as 'Summit' and not 'Aycock.' There would be some cost involved in changing our name. Maliq and Mindy are to review Max Thompson's materials, and Steve Ruzicka will ask Jerry Leimenstoll for a CD of the architectural feature photos he used in his last Dunleith presentation.

Welcoming Committee – Ray Burton (absent) and Paula Patch

Because this committee is newly formed, and since there were so many new residents in attendance, they were polled as to the kind of information they would have liked to receive as new neighborhood residents. Some of the ideas included:

- a welcome letter that includes our listserv and websites, what it means to be 'city living' with regards to panhandlers and how to handle them, block captain's name and number (along with a few close-by neighbors)
- a more comprehensive neighborhood history
- a neighborhood boundary map that includes important downtown locations as well
- the last couple of newsletters
- a Historic District Guidelines manual
- the food 'goodie' for the basket
- a list of reputable professionals who are experienced working on old properties (architects, carpenters, landscapers, plumbers, painters, etc.)
- the neighborhood directory or survey, which ever is ready

One way to make sure we locate all new neighbors is to look at the public announcements page in the News & Record (Gilmer Township), since some are private sales. Paula will meet with Ray to continue planning.

New Business

Maliq asked us to keep our eyes out for news about potential Duke Power line-changing activity.

Next Board Meeting: July 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Leo's Place.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.