

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association Inc.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at St. Leo's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Treasurer Christina Cantrell. Anne-Marie Earl agreed to transcribe the minutes.

Present: Christina Cantrell, Douglas E. Campbell, Robert Coltun, Anne-Marie Earl, Lee Mortensen, Mebane Ham, Jamal Fox, Zora Medor, Shawn Wriede, Patti Bauer, Pam Grigsby, Jon Emos, Linda Fusco, Esther Maltby, Mindy Zachary, Betsey Horth, John Mandrano

Board Members Absent: Bert VanderVeen, Matthew Thomas, Sara Farnsworth

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report:

Officer Doug Campbell reported on recent crimes in the neighborhood. The crimes included sale of narcotics, public intoxication, theft of personal property left in unlocked vehicle, hit and run accidents, vandalism, larceny, and domestic violence.

Lee Mortensen, Farmers Market Executive Director, asked that an officer drive by the Farmers Market on Friday nights, as there has been evidence of drinking in the parking lot early Saturday mornings. Officer Campbell agreed and advised that the market post "no trespassing" signs.

Special Speakers:

Lee Mortensen, Farmers Market Executive Director, discussed the market's efforts to increase the number of events offered at the market through partnerships with nonprofit groups like Power for the People's Transit. Lee also discussed recent capital improvements to the market and proposals for a children's activity corner, lending library, bistro-like café area, and professional chef's kitchen.

Minutes/Secretary's Report: January minutes were distributed, reviewed, and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer Report showed an ending balance of \$6,411.61, with \$5441.34 in the General Fund and the rest in Escrow.

President's Report: The board unanimously agreed to accept Mark Walter and Anne-Marie Earl as alternate board members to serve until August 2014.

There is a Tree Pruning workshop May 19 at St. Leo's Community Room from 7-9 p.m. Bill Lock and John Barnes from William H. Lock & Associates will be presenting the results of the Tree Inventory program and explain how they collected the data and how it can be accessed via the City's website. They will talk about proper pruning techniques for trees. The new City forester, Judson Clinton, and Mike Cowhig from the Planning Department will be there as well.

Mural Project - Eight artists have already responded and agreed to bid.

Mebane Ham volunteered for the Farmers Market Consumer Advisory Council.

Demetri Dascalakis wrote a note indicating that the Dunleith property is going to be listed for sale shortly. He wanted to inform the neighborhood before the listing was made public.

ACTION ITEMS: Anne-Marie Earl will take minutes from here on. Mindy Zachary will take minutes for March.

Alleyway Issues: Nothing to report this month.

Fundraising: Nothing to report this month.

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Historic Preservation: There is a COA for 701 Percy for a tree removal. The tree is between 701 and 703 Percy. It has suffered damage from the ice storm. It is also growing into 701 Percy's fence and is damaging 703 Percy's driveway. Mindy Zachary pointed out that the tree might have been healthy had the ivy been cut back. The board unanimously agreed that the tree should be removed.

A question off the topic was asked about the upkeep of the appearance of residential houses in the neighborhood. Jamal Fox recommended contacting Barbara Harris with code enforcement for those concerns.

Another concern was brought up regarding waste removal. Limbs have been cut from trees that were not damaged by the storm, and they are not being bundled. Again, they were directed to contact Barbara Harris.

Newsletter: The newsletter is now digital. A flyer went out announcing the new format; however, flyers for some streets were not delivered. Mike McQuaid offered to print 25 newsletters to be put into the Little Library for neighbors who do not have access to the Internet.

ACTION ITEMS: Flyers to be delivered by various attendees - Patti Bauer for Chestnut, Mebane Ham for Percy, and Mindy Zachary for Summit.

Technology: Nothing to report this month, other than the quarterly website update.

Welcoming: ACTION ITEM: Bert will send a welcome basket to Fabio's mother at 806 Fifth.

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Matthew went, but he was not in attendance at this meeting.

Community Garden/Homeless: Demetri Dascalakis was asked to post "No Trespassing" signs on the Dunleith property. Once he does that, the Police Department will give the homeless people living there a week's notice to leave. The Police Department will also notify the city manager's office and Night Watch volunteers that the camp is being closed down.

Old Business:

Cameras at the tunnel and bridge: John Mandrano is working with Bob Coltun to determine what equipment is needed for surveillance cameras at Leftwich Tunnel and the Max Thompson Bridge. Camera and related equipment have been priced out; but getting antennas, an IP web address, and access to electricity is going to require monthly service charges, which may be cost prohibitive. More information is needed before the Board can make a decision on whether or not to move forward on this project. **ACTION ITEM for John Mandrano and Robert Coltun: get together and work out the details and present at the next board meeting in written format.**

The mural for Leftwich Tunnel: The RFP was written by Stefan-leih Geary and modified with the help of Betsey Horth and Linda Fusco and was sent out to various artists. The mural is being proposed as a destination point, a gateway to the city. It will potentially include landscaping in addition to the painting. Action Greensboro and Arts Greensboro are publicizing it. It will not join with the Greenway, but it may lead people to the Greenway. Mebane has concerns about the omission of a budget, but Betsey would rather we leave it open-ended to see what ideas come up. Once the RFP is on the website, the call to artists will be shareable. We hope to get an article about it in the O'Henry. The mural will be paid for by MSD funds, at least partially.

Sign at the corner of Yanceyville and Bessemer: the proper bricks have been ordered, so the project should be underway soon. It will mirror the sign at Yanceyville and Summit. There was concern about a pole being in the way, but it is not.

Councilman Jamal Fox had the following announcements: May 5 is the budget meeting, and there is a \$5 million shortfall. He inquired on what we do not want cut and what we want increased funding for. John Mandrano requested that leaf pickup service not be cut because it keeps the overall

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appearance of the neighborhood nice. Betsy Horth inquired about Duke Energy's plans to inject our trees with an experimental product. Jamal Fox said to email those concerns to him, but that Duke has backed out of that plan. Bob Coltun asked about the effect of the \$5 million shortfall on Aycock's MSD funds. Jamal Fox is verifying that it will not affect the MSD funds. Shawn Wriede requested that the Summit Avenue streetscape project remain intact, as it is the gateway from NE Greensboro to city center. Jamal reported that it should start in 2015. Sharon Hightower of District 1 is also working to clean up Bessemer Avenue. East Market is also on the list to be targeted for change. Jamal Fox invited the neighborhood to participate in the District 2 Neighborhood Walk on May 19 at 5:30 at the Downtown Residence Association. The discussion regarding War Memorial Stadium is still ongoing, as well as the discussion of the parking lot by the post office on East Market. He also wants to have more GPD on bikes, riding through neighborhoods to connect more with the community.

New Business: Noted in the President's Report.

Announcements for Aycock:

- Upcoming 2014 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – May 26, Jun 23, July 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Dec 1
- Green Living Arts Festival – Sun, May 4, 2014, at Festival Park in Downtown Greensboro
- National Night Out – Tuesday, Aug 5, 2014
- Big Sweep Cleanup – Sat, Sep 20, 2014, 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Meet at 721 Fifth Ave
- Luminarias – Sun, Dec 14, 2014 (Rain Date Sun, Dec 21, 2014) – Sternberger Park

Announcements for Fisher Park:

- June Jubilee - June 7th from 5-8 pm on Temple Emanuel's lawn. Food Trucks and Aycock's resident Molly McGinn and the Wurlitzer Prize have been booked for the event. Contact Ashley Meredith at 336-202-4964 for more information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

Submitted by,

Anne-Marie Earl