

The regular meeting of the board/neighborhood was held on Monday, June 22, 2015, at St. Leo's Place Community Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Linda Fusco. The minutes were recorded and transcribed by Linda Fusco.

Board Members Present: Linda Fusco, Robert Coltun, Brian Gillies, Lynne Leonard, Esther Maltby, Matthew Thomas, Shawn Wriede, Mindy Zachary, Anne-Marie Earl, and David Horth.

Board Members Absent: John Mandrano (alternate), Mark Walter (alternate)

Others Present: Stefan-leih Geary (Greensboro Planning Department) and Officers Fred Pinson and Tracy Fulk (Greensboro Police Department), Betsey Horth

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report: Officer Fred Pinson reported an increase in car break-ins in the area. He urged residents to keep doors locked in autos, houses, and garages. The group asked about the installation of speed bumps, and Officer Pinson responded that GDOT will not install due to expense. GDOT will install speed control signs, tapers and rumble strips if needed. Report missing speed control signs to 373-CITY.

Voting for Projects for 2015-16 and beyond: Voting was supervised and counted by Stefan-leih Geary.

Results of votes (listed in order of preference):

1. Creation of a Pocket Park/Dog Park--Property acquisition of the vacant lot on Chestnut Street next to the Pedestrian Tunnel - 10 votes
2. Coordinating with the Downtown Greenway project to create gateway features at the Aycock spurs - 10 votes
3. Decorative Bus Stop at Yanceyville Street and elsewhere - 8 votes
4. Re-do lettering on the mural at the Leftwich Pedestrian Tunnel - 7 votes
5. Sternberger Park landscaping improvements to include a butterfly garden - 5 votes
6. Granite curb repair/restoration - 3 votes
7. Expansion of National Register designated areas to match local district boundaries - 1 vote
8. Park Ave alleyway and Park/Summit alleyway improvements – 0 votes*

*project is not MSD eligible

The ones selected above will be added to our current project list (below), which takes precedence:

1. Decorative street light repairs/new globes
2. Implementation of tree inventory
3. Entry sign identification and ongoing landscaping enhancements

Minutes/Secretary's Report: Motion and second to accept May minutes. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mindy distributed the Treasurer's reports. The checking and savings accounts have a combined balance of \$6,102.25 as of May 31, 2015. Net income for May 2015 is \$ -72.79.

Esther Maltby motioned to donate \$50 to GNC. Motion was seconded by Mindy Zachary, and there was a voice vote in favor of making the donation.

There was a brief discussion of how we are currently filing our Form 990 – based on calendar year instead of fiscal year as prescribed in Bylaws.

Action item: Mindy to look into the procedure for correcting our 990 filing to align with our fiscal year.

Continuing Action Item: Mindy Zachary to transfer funds to library for archiving project

President's Report: Linda Fusco reported that she and Bob Coltun met on May 27 at City offices with Stefan-leih Geary, Mike Cowhig, and Todd Hayes (all City of Greensboro staff) and John Barnes from W.H. Lock and Associates to discuss the next steps for the Tree Inventory program. The group discussed reforestation of the neighborhood, ongoing maintenance/updating of the inventory list, annual or bi-annual assessment of the trees by Lock and Associates, and identification of historically significant (century) trees.

Voting for directors – Shawn Wriede, Mindy Zachary, and Bob Coltun will each run for another two-year term. Matthew Thomas and Esther Maltby will not continue. That leaves two open positions for Directors for 2015-17. Linda will send out a notice asking for volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Brian Gilles reported that not all the monies promised from yard sales were donated. One yard sale sign was lost or stolen.

Governance: David Horth reported that no one responded to his questionnaire. Discussion was tabled until the next regular board meeting. David and Linda will make recommendations for changes needed to align Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Volunteer Opportunities (documents to be sent with recommendations - for board review prior to the next regular meeting.)

Historic Preservation: No COA applications to review.

Newsletter: No report.

Technology: No report.

Continuing Action Item: Shawn to continue working on *Site Map* page.

Continuing Action Item: Mindy Zachary to continue working with Charlie Newell to write a summary of neighborhood history for website.

Welcoming: No Report

Landscaping Signs: Lynne Leonard distributed estimates for the following: decals for decorative garbage cans, sign for Max Thompson Bridge, landscape identification signs, and re-lettering of signs on brick walls. There was no consensus regarding color choices, size of lettering, and shape of Max Thompson Bridge sign. The discussion was tabled until the next regular board meeting so that Lynne can get additional information. Lynne will research different shape for bridge sign and different sized lettering for school sign. Brian Gilles will research decorative posts for landscape identification signs.

Special Projects:

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Esther Maltby and Matthew Thomas reported that at the last GNC meeting they discussed Participatory Budgeting (PB), a process by which community groups can seek up to \$100K per year for neighborhood projects. Total fund is \$500K, and there is one grant available to each of five city council districts. Fund replaces the former Neighborhood Small Projects grant, and fund availability starts in fiscal year 2016-17.

Old Business: None.

Continuing Action Item: Linda Fusco to order more trash cans for the neighborhood.

New Business: None

Announcements for Aycock:

- ❖ Upcoming 2015 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – See website for additional meeting schedule
 - Regular Meeting - Monday, July 27, 2015
- ❖ National Night Out and Elections – Tuesday, August 4
- ❖ Clean Sweep – Saturday, September 12 (moved from September 19)
- ❖ Luminarias – Sunday, December 13 (Rain date: Sunday, December 20)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM EDT.

Submitted by,

Linda J. Fusco, President