

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association Inc.
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 600 Summit Avenue. Meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm by President Linda Fusco. Secretary Anne-Marie Earl agreed to transcribe the minutes.

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

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

Others Present: Officer Doug Campbell, David Wharton

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report: Officer Campbell reported recent crimes in the neighborhood, including burglary, fraud, robbery, and larceny. Crimes are down by one for the month of November 2014 as compared to November 2013.

Special Speaker:

Aycock neighbor David Wharton discussed the history of the neighborhood and some of the projects undertaken since the designation of Aycock as a Municipal Service District. One of the largest concerns of the neighborhood at the present time is the Summit Avenue Streetscape Project. The Strategic Plan for the Aycock Neighborhood was adopted by City Council in November, 2003. Part of the strategic plan involved a study of Summit Avenue and more concrete plans to improve the street. The Summit Avenue Streetscape Project was included on the 2008 bond issues, and it was passed. The bond is scheduled to be sold in 2019. **ACTION ITEM: David Wharton to research if the bond for the Summit Avenue Streetscape Project expires after 10 years.**

David Wharton suggests the neighborhood get City Council on board with the Summit Avenue Streetscape Project. We can do this by reaching out to Councilman Jamal Fox and Mayor Nancy Vaughan. The neighborhood needs to combine an email/phone call/letter writing campaign and also attend City Council meetings to make the councilpersons aware of our desire to get the Streetscape project moving forward. **ACTION ITEM: David Wharton to come up with a plan for how the board can proceed.**

Minutes/Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October regular meeting and November special meeting were not available for discussion. Minutes will be reviewed at the January 2015 meeting. **ACTION ITEMS: Anne-Marie Earl to amend the August 25th minutes to add that Robert Coltun and Linda Fusco also attended the meeting with Tom Carruthers, City Attorney, on August 15, in which storm water drainage was discussed. Anne-Marie Earl to submit minutes for October, as well as the emergency meeting held in November.**

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for period ending 10/31/2014 showed an ending balance of \$5521.05, with \$5,420.51 in the General Fund and the rest in Escrow. Expenses for mural project have not been finalized.

President's Report:

The mural project: Lights are installed, and the mulch has been put down. The city is removing dead trees by the entrances of the tunnel. More pruning will be done by the bridge. The only thing left to do is the planting. Dunlap quoted us \$850 in 2013 to plant camellias, hydrangeas, and liriopse on one side of the tunnel, which was approved in July of 2013. Nancy Adamson, who is an entomologist who lives in Fisher Park, has offered to do the plantings for free for both sides of the tunnel; all we would have to pay is the cost of the plants at whole sale, including trees to form a canopy by the entrances to the tunnel, and the mileage fees incurred to pick up the plants. Her estimated fee is \$674. David Horth made a motion to accept Nancy Adamson's offer to do our plantings, subject to her preparing a sketch showing the locations of the plants. The board unanimously agreed.

David Horth mentioned a complaint about the mural project regarding the lettering that reads, "To Downtown Greensboro." **ACTION ITEM: Matthew Thomas to speak with his designer friend about repainting the wording at Leftwich Tunnel.**

ACTION ITEM: David Horth to address attendance policy next month. ACTION ITEM: David Horth to compare Bylaws and Volunteer Opportunities documents and recommend changes as needed.

ACTION ITEM: David Horth and Linda Fusco to research other non-profit policies and discuss at the next board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Alleyway Issues: Matthew Thomas joined Mindy Zachary and Shawn Wriede on the Storm Water Issues Committee (formally Alleyway Issues). **ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco to write our official rejection to City Attorney. ACTION ITEM: Brian Gillies to locate engineering plans from when the city widened Yanceyville.**

Fundraising: Molly McGinn's concert will be held next year at 600 Summit, \$10 per ticket for 50 tickets. ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary to continue working on Molly McGinn's fundraising concert. We have supplies for the luminarias. David Horth made a motion to donate 10% or a minimum of \$100 of our proceeds to PBIS for Aycock Middle, whichever is greater, and the board unanimously agreed. Esther is also going to set out a donation box for the program when the middle school students sing during the luminarias. **ACTION ITEM: Esther Matby to send emails to listserve about luminarias.**

Historic Preservation: No COAs this month.

Newsletter: ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary and David Wharton to assist Linda with the newsletter this month.

Technology: Nothing to report this month. **ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary will write a summary of neighborhood history (or find someone to write a summary) for Shawn to place on the Historic Aycock website.**

Welcoming: Nothing to report this month.

Special Projects:

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Mindy Zachary reported that Mindy and Shawn Wriede attended the meeting, which Water Resources presented about keeping the drinking water clean.

Community Garden: Nothing to report this month.

Old Business:

Archiving: Project is ongoing; however, there is nothing to report this month.

Sign at Yanceyville and Bessemer: Still a work in progress, but nearly complete.

New Business:

Vision Statement: ACTION ITEM: David Horth to address Vision Statement next month.

ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco to follow up on house with collapsed garage on Park, which was brought up by neighbor Zora Medor.

Announcements for Aycock:

- Luminarias – Sun, Dec 14, 2014 (Rain Date Sun, Dec 21, 2014) – Sternberger Park
- Upcoming 2015 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – Jan 26

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Submitted by,

Anne-Marie Earl