

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association Inc.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2014 at St. Leo's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Linda Fusco. Anne-Marie Earl agreed to transcribe the minutes.

Present: Christina Cantrell, Douglas E. Campbell, Councilman Jamal Fox, Robert Coltun, Anne-Marie Earl, Shawn Wriede, Linda Fusco, Mindy Zachary, Betsey Horth, David Horth, John Mandrano, Brian Gillies, Mark Walter, Benjamin Briggs, Dennis Kramer, Michael Palmer, Jim Overton, Paul Brown

Board Members Absent: Bert VanderVeen, Mebane Ham, Esther Maltby, Matthew Thomas

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report:

Officer Doug Campbell reported on recent crimes in the neighborhood. The crimes included burglary, domestic assault, robbery, and possession of marijuana. Betsey Horth informed Officer Campbell about a shortcut by the Leftwich Tunnel leading to/from the railroad tracks. Linda suggested putting a small fence up between the tunnel and the property currently occupied by the car lot business. The fence would stop the flow of traffic along that path. **ACTION ITEM: Officer Campbell will speak to the city about installing a small fence to deter people from cutting through.**

Special Speakers:

Michael Palmer, Jim Overton, and Paul Brown from Self-Help Real Estate Development came to the meeting to talk about the Revolution Mill project. Self-Help offers loans, commercial lending, and consumer financial services, and is involved in real estate development. They plan to build one- and two-bedroom apartments, conventional offices, and artist and entrepreneur space. They hope to be rezoned from Light Industrial to Business Park. The construction is projected to be finished in 2016. They are looking for support from the neighborhood association. **ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco will write a letter of support from the neighborhood association to Self-Help for use at the next City Council meeting.**

Benjamin Briggs with Preservation Greensboro discussed preservation easements, a service offered by their PGDF (Preservation Greensboro Development Fund) group. A Preservation Easement is a legal agreement between a property owner and a qualified easement-holding organization that protects a significant historic or cultural resource in perpetuity. Preservation easements go along with the sale of the properties. Preservation Easements are recognized as the strongest and only perpetual protection available for historic properties. In addition to writing the easements, PGDF also provides legal defense for properties in danger. Each easement is required to have a \$5000 endowment.

Jamal Fox informed the board that he planned to take a group, including the mayor, through the neighborhood and the Summit Avenue corridor to spread awareness of our area and the help we need. He will also try to come to our National Night Out event on August 5th. **ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary agreed to provide Jamal Fox with the link to our Summit Avenue Corridor Study and other pertinent documents.**

Jamal Fox informed us of two events coming up: September 6th will be a community day for NE Greensboro in Keeley Park, and September 20th will be a city/county charity football game to raise funds for the school district for school supplies.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer Report showed an ending balance of \$7110.44, with \$5,728.51 in the General Fund and the rest in Escrow.

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President's Report: The list of candidates for the board election was distributed. The upcoming slate includes: Anne-Marie Earl, Linda Fusco, Brian Gillies, David Horth, Lynne Leonard, John Mandrano, Bert VanderVeen, Mark Walter and Shawn Wriede. **ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco will send an email reminder to the neighborhood about National Night Out and the upcoming board election on August 5th.**

Committee Reports:

Alleyway Issues: Mindy asked Jamal Fox for an update on what happened after Mindy and Shawn's last meeting with the city attorneys, and Jamal Fox said he spoke with the city attorneys, and they were supposed to contact us. He believes the city will ask the neighborhood to use MSD funds to correct the alleyway issue. **ACTION ITEM: Jamal Fox will email Linda with the names of the attorneys so that we can set up a meeting with them to discuss the alleyways and who is responsible for repairing them.**

Fundraising: Mindy would like to set specific goals to know what to raise money for. She suggests fundraising for a potential preservation easement endowment. Another project that may require fundraising is the installation of lamp posts along Leftwich Tunnel.

Historic Preservation: James Rounds and Margaret Reed-Lade filed a COA application for 604 Park Avenue. They plan to remove the elephantine columns to make them match the columns on the sister property at 606 Park Ave., replace the front door with the original front door, replace the brick on the front skirting, and build a garage that will be accessible from the alleyway. The board voted unanimously to support the COA application.

Newsletter: The newsletter has been placed on the Aycock website. There will be a special edition coming up, since this one was delayed and didn't include everything we wanted.

Technology: Nothing to report this month. **ACTION ITEM: Send Shawn pictures from National Night Out to update the website, as well as announcements. ACTION ITEM: Mark Walter will help Shawn Wriede with the events and Facebook pages on our website to keep them updated.**

Welcoming: Nothing to report this month. **ACTION ITEM: Anne-Marie will email Bert VanderVeen to check on a welcoming basket for 808 Cypress, which is under contract.**

Special Projects:

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Mindy Zachary reported that at the past GNC meeting, they learned that the police department is now adopting a new policing model that reaches out more to the community, reorganizing to establish four, rather than three, districts. They are going to a six-shift time so that there will be an officer available at all times in each district.

Community Garden: David Wharton is still collecting materials for the new shed.

Old Business:

Archiving: Christina Cantrell and Mindy Zachary have been organizing the materials they've collected, and they've divided it into two phases: materials regarding the neighborhood and materials specific to each individual house. Christina Cantrell suggests fundraising to digitize our historical records.

ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary will contact Jennifer Motszko to get a fundraiser started for digitizing our neighborhood's historical records. ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary and Christina Cantrell will write a summary of neighborhood history (or find someone to write a summary) for Shawn to place on the Historic Aycock website.

The mural for Leftwich Tunnel: Betsey Horth reported that the lighting designer and an electrician met with her, Linda and Mebane, and has since provided digital representations of two options for lighting

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the tunnel. One option is the light going down the middle of the ceiling, and the other is the light running down each corner of the ceiling. Revolution Mill is also donating carriage-style lights to our neighborhood, which will be used for the entrances to the tunnel. 170 feet of sidewalk will also be replaced, going from Summit to the tunnel and from the tunnel to Chestnut. The Greenway is also scheduled to connect with our neighborhood, thanks to our efforts to beautify Leftwich Tunnel.

ACTION ITEM: Mark Walter will continue researching the history of the Leftwich Tunnel.

New Business:

Updating Tradesmen List: Ann Stringfield has asked if we want to pool a tradesmen list among historic neighborhoods. **ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco will get details from Ann Stringfield on how much control we would maintain and how to link to the tradesmen list from our website.**

Neighborhood Cleanup: Brian Gillies suggested we put on more neighborhood cleanups. **ACTION ITEM: Brian Gillies and Anne-Marie Earl will work together to organize more cleanups and inspire more interest among the neighborhood. ACTION ITEM: Anne-Marie will research the price of sandwich boards or bulletin boards to generate interest amongst the neighbors.**

Announcements for Aycock:

- Upcoming 2014 Board/Neighborhood Meetings –Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Dec 1
- 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

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Submitted by,

Anne-Marie Earl