

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association Inc.
Minutes of Board of Directors/Neighborhood Meeting – Monday, June 23, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors/Neighborhood was held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at St. Leo's Place Community Room. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Linda Fusco. Linda Fusco also transcribed the minutes.

Board Members Present: Linda Fusco, Robert Coltun, Esther Maltby, Mindy Zachary, Bert VanderVeen, Anne-Marie Earl, Mark Walter, Mebane Ham, and John Mandrano.

Neighbors Present: Raleigh Stout, Sarah Gulley, Josh Neas, Betsey Horth, David Horth, Dave Wharton, Samuel Johnson, Paula Patch, Jill Oakley, Bruce Oakley, Whitney Jewett, T.K. Miller, Bobbie Sonner.

Also in attendance were Officer Douglas E. Campbell and artists Marianne DiNapoli, Renee Brown, Mark Spangenberg and Darlene McClinton.

Board Members Absent: Christina Cantrell, Shawn Wriede, Matthew Thomas

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report:

Officer Doug Campbell reported on recent crimes in the neighborhood. The crimes included 4 burglaries, 2 larcenies, 1 assault, 1 traffic hit and run, and 1 (other) criminal offense, for a total of 9 offenses. Offenses were down from 15 compared to May of 2013. Officer Campbell reported that later this year the police division lines will be redrawn and that Aycock will be consolidated into one division instead of the two we are currently in. Our police substation will be on Maple Street.

Special Speakers: Betsey Horth facilitated a discussion about the Leftwich Pedestrian Tunnel Mural Project. The four finalists in the art competition each gave 15-minute presentations describing their proposals. The finalists were Marianne DiNapoli, Renee Brown, Mark Spangenberg and Darlene McClinton. The audience participated in a question and answer period after each artist's presentation. (Please note that during the presentations Marianne DiNapoli and Mark Spangenberg offered to reduce their prices to under \$20,000, as was requested by the original task force that reviewed the proposals. Darlene's estimate rose from \$6,000 to \$10,000-\$15,000, based on materials needed for the job. Renee's price remained the same.)

Discussion and Vote after the Presentations: Betsey Horth distributed ballots so that each attendee could vote for his/her favorite artist. Participants were asked to rate the artists from #1 to #4, with #1 being the favorite. After the voting, Betsey tallied the votes. The final count for favorite (#1) votes was: 16 for Darlene McClinton, 4 for Mark Spangenberg, 2 for Marianne DiNapoli and 1 for Renee Brown.

Linda Fusco motioned that, based on the public meeting and the vote that was taken at the meeting, the group select Darlene McClinton as the artist for the project, with the stipulation that her amended proposal not exceed \$15,000. Bert VanderVeen seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the motion was approved with all "Aye" and no "Nay" votes. A task force will pursue next steps.

Minutes/Secretary's Report: The minutes for the May 2014 meeting were distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report showed an ending balance of \$7,100.24, with \$5,628.31 in the General Fund, \$2.60 in the Aycock Middle School PBIS Fund, and \$1,469.33 in the Dunleith Community Garden Fund. The minutes were approved as written.

President's Report: Linda Fusco announced the following directors whose terms will end in August: Christina Cantrell, John Mandrano, Mebane Ham, Shawn Wriede, and Linda Fusco. John, Shawn, and Linda agreed to serve another term, and Christina and Mebane declined. Bert VanderVeen's term as Past President will be ending, and he will run again, as will Anne-Marie Earl, Mark Walter, and Brian Gillies.

Alleyway Issues: Mindy Zachary gave the report. Mindy and Shawn Wriede met with Interim City Attorney Tom Carruthers, Assistant City Attorney Terri Jones, and Ade Idowu from the Water Resources Department on Friday, June 13, 2014, to discuss storm water issues affecting the 600 Summit/600 Park blocks of the neighborhood. Mr. Carruthers assigned Ms. Jones the task of reviewing files associated with the water problems discussed. Mr. Carruthers indicated that there may be several parties that could work together using various funding sources to create a long-term solution to the issues.

Fundraising: No report.

Historic Preservation: One COA application – 606 Summit Avenue, to remove a side porch and gazebo from the house. The portion to be removed is not part of the original house. A voice vote was taken in support of the application. The vote was unanimous. Mindy Zachary will attend the June 25 HPC meeting on behalf of the board.

Newsletter: Linda Fusco requested articles for the July 1 newsletter.

Technology: No report.

Welcoming: Bert VanderVeen will follow up with welcome baskets to some new neighbors attending tonight's meeting.

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Esther gave the report. At the last GNC meeting, various types of neighborhood grants were discussed. One in particular was the Neighborhood Small Projects Grant. Esther Maltby will consider working with Linda Fusco to apply for the grant, to be earmarked for Sternberger Park improvements.

Community Garden: Proposed COA application – submitted by Dave Wharton for a shed to be built at the Dunleith Community Garden. The application requires the signature of the owner, Demetri Dascalakis. Linda Fusco will forward the application to Demetri and request his signature. There was no other action taken on this application at this time.

Old Business:

Betsey Horth reported the following:

1. Sign at the school – construction was held up due to a permit that required a sealed drawing from the architect, Rick Loman. Linda Fusco obtained the sealed drawing today and forwarded it to Stefan-leih Geary.
2. Curb cut for turning lane on Bessemer – although the curb cut for the turning lane has been completed, the plantings in the median have been delayed due an old water line that has to be removed. The plantings are now scheduled for the fall, when planting conditions will be more favorable.
3. Regarding the transportation bond funds for the Summit Avenue Streetscape Project, the funds are scheduled to be available in FY 18-19 and FY 19-20, as per Chris Spencer of the DOT.

New Business:

Preservation Easement – Mindy will ask Benjamin Briggs to present at our next board meeting regarding preservation easements. The time will be shared with Michael Palmer from Self-Help Real Estate Development, who will discuss the redevelopment of Revolution Mill, specifically proposed zoning changes. Time allocated for each speaker will be 15-20 minutes.

Mebane Ham – attended the Central Division Citizen Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, June 10. At the advisory committee meeting, the group discussed a flyer entitled “Starting a Community Watch.” Mebane will incorporate some of the information from the flyer into a newsletter article, since we do not currently have a Community Watch chairperson.

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Samuel Johnson and Tom Krissak are speaking with Demetri Dascalakis about the possibility of putting a green cemetery on the Dunleith site. Samuel will report back if anything develops.

Announcements for Aycock:

- Upcoming 2014 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – July 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Dec 1
- Other Events - 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 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Linda J. Fusco