

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

Date: July 27, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, July 27, 2015 at St. Leo's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Linda Fusco.

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

Board Members Absent: Mark Walter (alternate)

Others Present: Raleigh D. Stout, Officer Deanna Taylor

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report: Officer Taylor introduced herself and suggested to contact her at Deanna.taylor@greensboro-nc.gov. She reported that burglary is a problem this summer and that neighbors should lock up their cars and not to leave valuables inside their cars. 669 Percy is being surveyed by the police and recommends calling the police if there is a complaint. The board informed Officer Taylor of several complaints—a woman loitering near the tunnel, feces being smeared under car door handles on Cypress and Percy, cars driving through the tunnel (which ruined the mural floor), and the plantings by the tunnel being ruined.

Minutes/Secretary's Report: Minutes from the June meeting were distributed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$500 was given to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for digitizing the archives. Net income from January through June 2015 is -\$416.10. The Community Garden grant added \$1,292.94 to the account. Total assets are \$7,071.40.

Action item: Update bylaws to reflect filings for the calendar year.

Action item: Esther to send Mindy the bill for the mowing at Dunleith Community Garden.

President's Report: Linda Fusco distributed the sample ballot for the next Board election. David Wharton, Erin Kennedy, and Raleigh Stout are new on the ballot. Robert Coltun, Shawn Wriede, and Mindy Zachary are up for reelection. Voting is August 4th for National Night Out at Sternberger Park, by the Little Library.

Councilman Jamal Fox contacted Linda and told her that a federal judge ruled against redistricting for city council.

Proposed MSD legislation would give residents the opportunity to back out of extra taxes and MSD funding. Linda spoke to Senator Wade, who assured that she would come to a board meeting and speak once the proposed legislation was written.

Linda distributed the Assistant City Attorney's letter regarding use of MSD funds for neighborhood security cameras. It has been determined by legal that MSD funds cannot cover security cameras.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: The board discussed fundraising tactics. Ideas included reaching out to businesses in the neighborhood for ads on the Facebook account and newsletter for donations.

Governance: David Horth raised a question regarding the Neighborhood Board election process. He suggested the President appoint someone else to facilitate the election process. He also sent the Board a new document to assess the importance of various topics in governing documents. **Action item: David Horth to create a spreadsheet or list to show when the board members are up for reelection.**

Historic Preservation: The Board reviewed a COA for tree removal and pruning at 512 5th Ave. The Board supported it unanimously.

Landscape Signs: The size and typeface of the lettering on the neighborhood signs was discussed. Linda suggested placing dummy lettering on the signs. The city will likely bid out the project. **Action item: Brian Gillies will provide the paper for the dummy lettering, Mindy will post the lettering, and they will take pictures to share with the board at the next meeting.**

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Action item: Lynne Leonard to get drawing set to scale.

Brian Gillies reported that Jim Gallucci is designing the sign at the bridge for free. He suggested the landscape signs be smaller than 12x12. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Newsletter: Linda Fusco is retiring from doing the newsletter. She has offered to help the person who takes it over.

Technology: Nothing new to report this month. **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: Nothing to report this month. **Action item: Anne-Marie Earl to make welcome baskets for 622 Park and 602 5th Ave.**

Special Projects:

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Shawn Wriede sent out the minutes.

Old Business: None.

Neighborhood trashcans: Lynne Leonard had a question regarding the cost of the trashcans. The city prefers a specific vendor that is possibly more expensive than another. David Horth proposed that we order two new trashcans, with a cost of up to \$2,200. The Board unanimously agreed. **Action item: Lynne Leonard to speak with Stefan-Leih regarding cost of trashcans prior to Linda Fusco ordering more of them.**

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

New Business: None.

Announcements for Aycok:

- Upcoming 2015 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Dec. 7
- Clean Sweep – Saturday, September 12
- Luminarias – Sunday, December 13 (Rain date: Sunday, December 20)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Submitted by,

Anne-Marie Earl