

## **Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association - Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

Respectfully submitted by, Raleigh Stout, secretary

**Date: August 24, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held Monday, August 24, 2015 at St. Leos's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by vice president Shawn Wriede.

Board Members Present: Anne-Marie Earl, Brian Gilles, David Horth, David Wharton, Erin Kennedy, Lynne Leonard, Mindy Zachary, Raleigh Stout, Shawn Wriede

Board Members Absent: alternate Bob Coltun, president Linda Fusco.

Others Present: Brenda (Bunny) Lloyd, Thomas Lloyd, Nancy Adamson

**Annual Elections of Officers.** Shawn Wriede discussed election procedures and created a list of candidates for officers of the board. Each person wrote the list of candidates down on a slip of paper and made their selections. Erin Kennedy counted votes and announced David Horth as new president, Shawn Wriede as vice president, Mindy Zachary as treasurer, and Raleigh Stout as secretary. New president David Horth thanked outgoing officers for their service with special recognition to Linda Fusco as past president for her contributions and hard work. Others were invited to add their acknowledgement and thanks.

**President's Report:** After the election of officers, David Horth began his report with special recognition and thanks to outgoing president Linda Fusco for her contributions, hard work and personal involvement with the Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association.

**Motion:** to acknowledge and thank Linda Fusco for her services as President. Proposed by David Wharton and Seconded by Shawn Wriede. Passed unanimously.

David Horth introduced himself with some of his background, expectations and ideas for advancing the work of the Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association. He then began discussions on committee assignments - including proposing that several of the committees be sub committees of one committee. The board agreed to name this the Neighborhood Development Committee covering all matters associated with beautification, and maintenance of the neighborhood including street lighting, landscaping and signage. David Wharton agreed to be chair of this committee. It was noted that most committees may include non-board members of the Historic Aycock Association. David Horth requested that he be invited to participate in upcoming committee activities and proceedings.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Net income from January through July 2015 is -\$499.52. Total assets are \$6,987.98.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Cleanup:** Announcement by Brian Gilles for the National Big Sweep cleanup activity scheduled Saturday, 12 September 2015 to begin at Sternberger Park at 9:00 AM with a later meeting at the UNCG parking lot by the Greensboro Coliseum for pizza and pictures of participants at 11 AM.

**Fundraising:** The board discussed keeping luminaries headed by Mark Walter and Shawn Wriede to be kept within fundraising.

**Governance:** The Governance Committee will begin to address reconciling governance documents for the Aycock Historic Association at a future meeting.

**Historic Preservation:** The Board discussed a COA for upgrades to windows for residents and clubhouse at St. Leo's and a motion to supported it passed unanimously on vote. Historic Preservation Committee will include Linda Fusco and Mindy Zachary. This committee has a new interest in construction at St. Leo's from years back that involve replacement windows. Discussion of a proposal to replace all windows in the clubhouse at St. Leo's along with those for residents prior to winter in order to ensure safe operation for climate control and for emergency egress. The time frame of project completion prior to winter was discussed.

**Landscape Signs:** Brian Gilles spoke of bridge sign-age ideas and showed some samples of how it could be approached. Mention was made of Linda Fusco had been seeking quotes on fonts for sign-age.

### **Neighborhood Development:**

Regarding LED lights on a test street lamp. Discussion ensued about Brooklyn, NY residents complaining about light quality and tacky and cold LED grid and whether this would be right for a historic district.

Nancy Adamson spoke about plantings at Leftwich Tunnel area and the difficulties of getting water to maintain them. She also spoke about mowing the Dunleith Garden only twice and about plants that do well or die off at Leftwich tunnel. She additionally proposed procuring some new plants for Leftwich which would cost around \$40 and the board expressed an interest in funding for the new plants but no vote was taken due to short time remaining. Additional topic was water delivery to Leftwich with ideas like rain barrels and other conservation methods. The board approved the funding/

**Welcoming:** Anne-Marie Earl volunteered to continue with welcoming and gave a short update.

### **New Business:**

Change of Name to Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association. The board voted to approve a motion to remove the Charles B. Aycock name from the organization and rename it to the Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association. Discussion about the name change covered

concerns about historic associations with the name and our need to reflect advancement and progress from politically and socially unpopular historic significance of the old name after new historical research came into light this year. Discussion moved into areas to begin the name change where the name is visible and easily found, such as web sites and donation methods. Action: David Wharton is administrator for our Facebook account and will rename it to Historic Aycock Neighborhood.

**Announcements:**

Upcoming 2015 Board/Neighborhood Meetings September 28, Oct. 26, Dec. 7

Luminaries: Sunday, December 13 (Rain date: Sunday, December 20)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

**Actions 8-28-15**

1. David Horth to present updated spreadsheet showing committees and chairs.
2. David Horth to investigate whether the articles of inclusion need to be updated to reflect the new name.
3. David Wharton was asked to bring some research on this topic to the next meeting.
4. Shawn Wriede: Past minutes and action items from the last year must be vetted for continuity and for follow up action if required. volunteered to head this effort up.