

**Historic Aycock Neighborhood Association  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
Date: February 22, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Brian Gilles, Erin Kennedy, Lynne Leonard, Mark Walter, Mindy Zachary, Raleigh Stout, Shawn Wriede.

**Board Members Absent:** Anne-Marie Earl, alternate Bob Coltun, David Horth, David Wharton, Past President Linda Fusco.

**Others Present:** Cristen Drummond (TWC News), D.M. Taylor (GPD), J.P. Kimmel (GPD), Mebane Ham (SAC)

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held Monday, February 22, 2016 at St. Leos's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Vice-President Shawn Wriede.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mark Walter moved to accept the minutes from January 2016 meeting and Brian Gillies seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*Action items:*

1. *Raleigh Stout to send the approved board meeting minutes from January of 2016 to Shawn Wriede for archival and publication on the Historic Aycock website.*
2. *Shawn Wriede to post the approved board meeting minutes to the Historic Aycock website.*

**GSO Police/Community Resource Team Report:** Officers Taylor and Kimmel presented localized information on public safety and crime, to include an interest in homeless camps near to Dunleith Garden and Leftwich Tunnel. Officer Taylor reported little activity in the Aycock neighborhood requiring police involvement this past month.

*Action items:*

3. *Raleigh Stout to continue to invite GPD to monthly board meetings.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Mindy Zachary reported total income for the first month of 2016 was \$0.08. After expenses for operations, programs, and projects, net income was minus \$13.92. Total liabilities and equity as of the end of January 2016 was \$6,098.70. Most expenses so far were covered by a grant for maintaining the Dunleith Community Garden. Raleigh Stout moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Brian Gillies seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Historic Preservation:** No Certificate of Appropriateness applications to consider.

**Vice-President's Report:**

Neighborhood name - Vice-President Shawn Wriede gave an update on the issue of changing names from Aycock in the local and extended community.

MSD funds - Mr. Wriede led a discussion on preparing for a community meeting to be held by the City of Greensboro at St. Leo's Place on March 14<sup>th</sup> regarding funding priorities and project ideas for spending Municipal Service District funds in the coming years. Discussion ensued about storm water management, street lighting, street curbing, and canopy development with the scheduling of tree planting, neighborhood and border markings, and a means for preserving the

neighborhood against blighted properties as candidates for this funding. The discussion moved on to related topics about identifying alternate funding for our community projects in lieu of MSD (such as grants and participatory budgeting process) and how to fund more expensive projects such as restoration of alleyways and placing utilities underground to free the tree canopy. Phasing of projects was brought up as a way to bring in funding over time and to de-stress affected neighborhood sections during new construction and development.

**Fundraising:** Mindy Zachary presented an idea for a fundraiser involving community interaction with a renowned voice-over actor. Erin Kennedy presented an idea for the neighborhood to register a team for the Human Race 5K event scheduled April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mindy Zachary moved to have the neighborhood board enter its own team in the Human Race fundraiser. Lynne Leonard seconded. Motion passed on majority vote with one abstention.

*Action items:*

4. *Mindy Zachary to further develop and explore her fund-raising idea.*
5. *Mindy Zachary to take lead on entering a neighborhood team in the Human Race 5K event.*

**Special Report:** Mebane Ham presented an update on the Sternberger Artists Center (712 Summit Avenue) to include a new tenant artist, an Art Rocks event set for the evening of March 19 to benefit Weaver Academy, and a Love-A-Landmark event set for the evening of May 12 to be co-hosted with Preservation Greensboro, Inc. The SAC is getting upgrades and the Farmers Market will be consulted on plantings.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Community Development

*Neighborhood cleanup* - Lynne Leonard recognized Mebane Ham for helping arrange and promote a recent neighborhood cleanup along with Brian Gillies. There were 11 participants. Ms. Leonard stated that the need and opportunity for more such cleanups was also addressed in a recent board working meeting. Shawn Wriede echoed a concern expressed by President David Horth about getting more board members to participate in these activities.

*Tree canopy* - Lynne Leonard expressed interest in following more closely the promotion of canopy and tree planting in light of Summit Avenue traffic corridor projects coming up.

*Garbage cans* – Brian Gillies reported that three new garbage cans without name logos were ordered for distribution to Sternberger Park, Dunleith Community Garden, and the corner of Cypress Street and Yanceyville Street by the Aycock Middle School.

Events - No report.

Governance - No report.

Newsletter - No report.

Welcoming - No report.

**New Business:** The board discussed community-generated parking concerns around Aycock Middle School and Cypress Street. Property owners have expressed concerns about congestions and access to the street during peak activities at the school. At least two members of this board expressed the view that this may be best resolved by Guilford County Schools with support from our board to the local community that it represents.

*Action items:*

6. *Raleigh Stout to communicate with Aycock Middle School and with representatives of Guilford County Schools to generate ideas for mitigating parking and traffic issues, and to review the 2003 Strategic Plan for the Aycock Neighborhood that addresses the issue of Aycock Middle School generating high volumes of traffic on public streets.*

**Action List Priorities:**

7. *Board members to review the storm water proposal put out by Jewell Engineering.*
8. *Board members to look at the first Bess study from 2002, The Aycock Traditional Neighborhood Plan.*

**Adjournment:** Raleigh Stout moved to adjourn the board meeting at 8:22 p.m. and Brian Gillies seconded. Motion passed unanimously.