

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
July 25, 2011

Present: Fabio Camara, Christina Cantrell, Linda Fusco, Bert VanderVeen, Shawn Wriede

Absent: Brian Heagney, Laura Wall

Guests: Residents Lillian Govus, Sara Farnsworth, Khalil Perelstein

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

- 1.) **Community Watch Report:** No community watch report this month due to NNO (Neighborhood Night Out) event on Aug 2, 2011
- 2.) **COAs:** None
- 3.) **Secretary-Treasurer report:** Minutes from the June board meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved. Treasurer's report for June was distributed.

Action Item for Shawn Wriede - post approved minutes on Historic Aycock District website.

4.) **NNO (Neighborhood Night Out):** 4 residents agreed to host porch parties on Tuesday, Aug 2, 2011 from 7 pm to 9 pm as part of a nationwide program to strengthen partnerships between communities and local law enforcement. The porch party hosts:

- a. **Bert VanderVeen & Linda Fusco** - 719 and 721 5th Ave - Hotdogs and sides
- b. **Lillian Govus** - 606 Park Ave - BBQ
- c. **Emma and Harriet Riemer** - 617 5th Ave - Hummus and Fruit
- d. **Mebane Ham** - 675 Percy St - Mebane's choice

Linda Fusco created **flyers to announce the event which are to be distributed via the regular newsletter delivery routes** on the weekend of July 29. Ms. Fusco also created handouts with safety tips to be distributed during the porch parties. It was determined that no street closings are required this year. Ms. Fusco already extended invitations to the community resource officers. Bert VanderVeen offered to extend invitations to City Council members.

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen - invite City Council members to Aycock's porch parties for NNO.

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5.) Board elections: NNO coincides with annual Aycock Neighborhood Association Board elections. The board ideally consists of 10 members with 2-year term lengths (5 expire each year.) Board members are elected but the roles (such as Newspaper Editor and Community Watch Captain) are nominated within the board. Ms. Fusco created 4 ballot boxes (one for each porch party host) and ballots. The slate of candidates is tentatively determined:

a. Current Board members with 1 year left on their term (expires August 2012)

- Christina Cantrell
- Linda Fusco
- Bert VanderVeen
- Shawn Wriede
- Laura Wall - is resigning her position since she is moving to London for 2 years

b. Current Board member whose term expired and volunteered for another term (expires August 2013)

- Fabio Camara - Fifth Ave

c. Slate of candidates for new 2-year term (expires August 2013)

- Sara Farnsworth - Chestnut Ave
- Khalil Perelstein - Park Ave
- Betsey Baun - Cypress St
- Cathy Scott - Fifth Ave

d. Candidate to finish Laura Walls' term (expires August 2012)

- Lillian Govus - Park Ave

6.) Pecan Festival: It was noted during the Treasurer's report that the Aycock banking account is below the desirable amount, which raised the issue of the annual fundraiser, the Pecan Festival. Linda Fusco requested that Bert VanderVeen and Christina Cantrell provide availability in the month of October so that the planning for the festival can begin.

7.) Dunleith Community Garden: Brian Heagney was not able to contact Ester Maltby, but Sara Farnsworth volunteered to speak to her in the hope that Ms. Maltby might consider volunteering to oversee the garden until November 2011. At that point, discussion to **determine the future of the garden** must occur prior to spring planting. Discussion centered on the possibility of the board overseeing the community garden but the board's real charter is to approve/reject COAs and MSD funds and there is reluctance to accept a responsibility for which board members may be ill-equipped. The contract to manage the community garden was

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granted to Urban Harvest for precisely that reason. There is no question that the Daskalakis family would prefer to develop the land or sell it to a developer, but the economic landscape prohibits that option at this time.

8.) Sewer Issue: Shawn Wriede provided an update on the ongoing sewer/storm drain issues in the neighborhood. An apparent sewer line failure occurred on the combined sewer line behind 624 Park Ave, a bank-owned home in foreclosure and unoccupied for some time. The combined sewer services 610, 612, 620, and 624 Park Ave and is located at the back of the properties. This is the same infrastructure that occurs on the other side of Park Ave (affecting 613, 621, 623 and 625 Park Ave). After a lengthy period of limited or no action, Linda Fusco finally emailed the city and the city repaired the broken sewer line and added sewer cleanouts in the front of each affected property on Park Ave. The fact that sewer (and possibly storm drains) run across some properties in the neighborhood (rather than run directly to the street) may explain some of the water difficulties that some residents have experienced, especially on the east side of Summit Ave.

9.) Poison Ivy on Max Bridge: Sara Farnsworth reported that she noticed a weed that appeared to be poison ivy on the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks connecting Chestnut St and Church St. Bert VanderVeen agreed to contact the landscape service.

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen - contact Dunlap to remove possible poison ivy on pedestrian bridge

10.) President's Report: The city of Greensboro is **upgrading sidewalks** as part of grant to comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. The COA for the work in Aycock was approved last year. Some sidewalks are already marked in the Aycock neighborhood.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm.