

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
July 26, 2010

Present: Christina Cantrell, Charlie Conner, Linda Fusco, Brian Heagney, Jon Mitchell, Justin Smith, Bert VanderVeen, Shawn Wriede

Absent: Fabio Camara, David Hoggard, Laura Wall

Guests: Rebecca Fagg, Sara Farnsworth, Walt Bilous (all residents)

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40 pm

- 1.) **Community Watch Report:** Officer Doug Campbell was not present, so the most current police report was not reviewed.
- 2.) **New board member, Jon Mitchell,** was introduced. He replaces Erica Yamaguchi, who moved away from Aycock in the spring. His term expires in summer 2011.
- 3.) **Secretary's Report:** The **minutes from June** meeting were approved.
- 4.) **Treasurer's Report:** Justin Smith reported no changes to the Aycock bank balance. Linda Fusco inquired whether an invoice has been sent to the Irving Park Frameshop for their advertisement in the newsletter and Mr. Smith reported that it had.
- 5.) **COAs:**
 - a. The COA from last meeting (replacement of a tin roof with asphalt roof at **517 Park Ave**) was continued from the June 30 HPC meeting to the July 28 meeting. The recommendation to write the property owner for repeated 'after the fact' COAs is in committee.
 - b. **Aycock Middle School** is requesting three **trailers as classrooms** since the student population appears to have increased. A COA is required and will be presented at the next Aycock board meeting and for review at HPC on August 25, 2010.
- 6.) **NNO (National Night Out) and Aycock Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010. The annual meeting, which includes chatting with local police officers and election of 5 board members, starts at 6 pm at St. Leo's Community Room. "Porch parties" and distribution of crime prevention materials to follow. To date, Linda Fusco and Judy Worsley have organized porch parties. Five board member positions are open. The following board members, whose terms have expired, have agreed to be a candidate for re-election: Christina Cantrell, Linda Fusco, Bert VanderVeen, Laura Wall, Shawn Wriede. Justin Smith's position has also expired, but he has opted not to run for re-election.
Action Item: Bert VanderVeen to reserve St Leo's Community Room for the annual meeting.
Action Item: Christina Cantrell to email the Aycock listserv to remind residents of the election and to solicit new board members.

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Action Item: Christina Cantrell to prepare ballots and candidate questionnaires for the elections to be held at the annual meeting.

- 7.) **By-laws:** Linda Fusco initiated minor enhancements to the by-laws. Board members requested more time to review the changes, so it was decided to vote on the revisions at the next board meeting.
- 8.) **BSN Grant Workshop and Application:** Linda Fusco is attending the City of Greensboro-sponsored workshop on Sept 8, 2010 to learn how to properly submit grants.
- 9.) **Newsletter Advertising:** The quarterly newsletter, while well-received, is not reimbursing its expenses through its advertising. The board discussed some options, such as reducing the size of the publication. 350 copies of an 8-page document costs \$200.00. The same number of copies for a 12-page document is \$300.00. The board also has been lax about collecting all the advertising fees. Strong recommendation was given to raising revenue via fund-raisers, which have been successful in the past. The board does not wish to abandon the newsletter and does not require it to make a profit or even break even. A suggestion was made to create a board position that focuses on fund-raising, but no current board member has both the skill set and availability.
- 10.) **Summit Ave Water Issues:** Linda Fusco and Shawn Wriede have organized a sub-committee to investigate and offer recommendations for the water issues that have plagued several residents, especially Mindy Zachary. Ms. Zachary has been unsuccessful at resolving her issues with the city and Ms. Fusco and Mr. Wriede concluded that a new approach may be in order. The primary goals of the committee are 1.) To determine the ownership of the alleys, and 2.) To offer viable options to resolve the storm water flooding issues.

11.) President's Report

- a. **Goodwill Industries** approached Bert VanderVeen because they are seeking a neighborhood that will participate in a pilot program to provide materials that Goodwill requires, such as used clothes, machines, etc. This market is profitable and Goodwill's goal is for people to donate to them rather than donate to other non-profits or discard those materials. The board discussed the potential problem of donation boxes on the street, but felt the idea had potential. Mr. VanderVeen will schedule a Goodwill representative at the next board meeting so that Goodwill can present their plan.

Action Item: Bert VanderVeen to invite a Goodwill representative to make a presentation to the Aycock board.

- b. The Executive Center on Summit and the adjoining dentist's office were sold to Steve Peoples after the properties foreclosed. Mr. Peoples is planning to redevelop the site and is considering options such as a home for retired veterans. Mr. VanderVeen would like to meet with him to discuss those options. Jon Mitchell and Christina Cantrell volunteered to join the meeting.

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Action Item: Bert VanderVeen to schedule a meeting with Steve Peoples about his newly acquired property on Summit Ave.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07 pm.