

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
June 28, 2010

Present: Fabio Camara, Christina Cantrell, Charlie Conner, Linda Fusco, Brian Heagney, David Hoggard, Justin Smith, Bert VanderVeen, Laura Wall

Absent: Shawn Wriede

Guests: Officer Doug Campbell, Mindy Zachary, resident

Meeting Called to Order: 6:37 pm

- 1.) **Community Watch Report:** Officer Doug Campbell reported a **number of incidents since May 1**, including burglaries, car break-in (unlocked car), and bicycle theft (no serial number on bike) with several occurring during Memorial Day weekend. Laura Wall suggested that a memo reminding residents to be vigilant during the upcoming Fourth of July holiday weekend might be in order. Fabio Camara volunteered for the task.

Action Item for Fabio Camara to send email to listserv reminding residents to be vigilant against crime during the holiday weekend.

Laura Wall asked Officer Campbell for suggestions on **declaring the Executive Center on Summit Ave a public nuisance**. There have been 497 incidents at the location in the past 10 years. Many are domestic disturbance calls and Officer Campbell is not certain what category of incidents (besides homicide) contributes to declaring a structure or business a nuisance. He will investigate. There may also be code violations at that location.

Another location that appears to have **code violations is 518 Summit Ave** (a porch in need of major repair).

Action Item for Bert VanderVeen to send email to Cathy Justice at the City of Greensboro for possible code violations at the Executive Center and 518 Summit Ave.

- 2.) **Secretary's Report:** The minutes from both **March and May** meetings were submitted for acceptance. Justin Smith noted that no check has been written for the signage at the school as noted in the May minutes. The board voted to approve both sets of minutes on correction of May meeting notes.

Action Item for Christina Cantrell to correct and resend May minutes to board members.

- 3.) **Treasurer's Report:** Justin Smith reported a balance of \$1850.34. There is a balance of \$186.21 from the Good Green Fun fund that is donated to Urban Harvest for rain barrels. Mr. Smith noted that **expenditures for the past months have been higher than revenue** and suggested that the board incorporate some fund-raising events and application for grants. The upcoming Neighborhood Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 is a good opportunity to sell food and T-shirts. **Dave Hoggard volunteered to make barbeque** to sell this year. **Justin Smith volunteered to submit a Building Better Neighborhoods grant.** **Linda**

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Fusco volunteered for grant submission, but stated she requires some mentoring for this activity. There is also an opportunity to raise money from sales of advertising in the newsletter.

- 4.) **COA** – There is one “after the fact” COA for the replacement of a tin roof with asphalt roof at **517 Park Ave.** The chimneys were also removed. After discussion, the board determined that the **COA is approved only on condition that the chimneys are restored.** In addition, the property owner has previously done repair work on her rental property in the neighborhood and submitted a COA after the work was completed. Since the board has already written her informing her of the proper process, it was recommended that the **Historic Preservation Society formally notify her** of the proper process of repair and restoration in a historic district.
- 5.) **July Newsletter** – Linda Fusco reported that newsletters will be on her front porch on Tuesday, June 29 ready for delivery. A delivery schedule was arranged and Ms. Fusco will email the routes.

Ms. Fusco also reported that **Neighborhood Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010.**

- 6.) **War Memorial Stadium update** – David Hoggard reported that HPC (Historic Preservation Commission) is proposing to apply for an expansion of the boundary of the Aycock Historic District to include the War Memorial Stadium (but not the Sanford Smith building or the Farmer’s Market) if the board agrees. The benefit is that the city-owned structure would fall under the restrictions of the historic overlay, which means that restoration, rather than demolition, is mandated. The disadvantage is that the cost of restoration is higher than replacement and funds may be more difficult to locate. After discussion, the board **voted unanimously to authorize the expansion of the boundary of the Aycock Historic District.**

7.) President’s Report:

- a. Bert VanderVeen reported that **Jon Mitchell volunteered to fill the open board position** vacated by Erica Yamaguchi starting next month.
- b. Mindy Zachary presented a lengthy update to her **basement flooding issues on Summit Ave.** It has been determined by the city and state that MSD funds are not appropriate to use in this situation. It was suggested that rezoning the private alley (which Ms. Zachary maintains is not owned by any of the surrounding property owners, but rather by the heirs of the defunct company which developed the area, and was maintained by the city until 1984) into a public road would then allow MSD funds to be applied. However, this action requires approval by all adjoining property owners and Ms. Zachary feels that at least one property owner would oppose it. City insurance adjuster, Ken Sterling, met with Ms. Zachary and her attorney last week to determine if Ms. Zachary demands repair by the city or restitution or both. The city has not yet made any offer. During discussion, it was noted that at least one property

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- owner in Fisher Park, after hiring an engineering firm from Raleigh, was able to demonstrate that repair was the responsibility of the city.
- c. Several board members participated in **Aycock's Walking Tour on Thursday, June 17, 2010** suggested by City Manager Rashad Young as a way to build and maintain connections between city staffers and neighborhood residents. The tour is considered to be successful as a large number of city staff explored the neighborhood, while bull-horn-wielding Bert VanderVeen and Laura Wall recapped the successes and problems of the neighborhood.
 - d. **Anne Finn is repairing the structure at 425 E. Hendrix St.**
 - e. **GDOT is installing pedestrian signals at the intersection of Yanceyville St. and Summit Ave.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm.