

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
May 24, 2010

Present: Fabio Camara, Christina Cantrell, Brian Heagney, Bert VanderVeen, Shawn Wriede

Absent: Charlie Conner, Linda Fusco, David Hoggard, Justin Smith, Laura Wall

Guests: Mindy Zachary, resident

Meeting Called to Order: 6:38 pm

- 1.) It was noted that there is **no quorum**, so no official vote can take place at this meeting.
- 2.) **Community Watch Report:** Officer Doug Campbell was not able to attend the meeting. No report.
- 3.) **COA** – Linda Fusco was not able to attend the meeting, but she emailed that there are **no COAs from Aycock** for the May 26 HPC meeting. Ms. Fusco also reminded the board that the next **newsletter is scheduled for July 1, 2010.**
- 4.) **Secretary's Report:** The **minutes from March** meeting could not be approved due to lack of quorum. A vote will be taken at the next board meeting.

Ms. Cantrell was not able to attend the **Greensboro Neighborhood Congress meeting** on May 8, 2010, but sent the meeting minutes to the board. The next GNC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 10, 2010.** Ms. Cantrell is planning to attend.

Ms. Cantrell is not able to attend the August board meeting due to a prior commitment. A **volunteer to take minutes for that meeting is needed.**

- 5.) **Treasurer's Report:** Justin Smith was not able to attend the meeting. No report.
- 6.) **Vice-President's Report:** Laura Wall was not able to attend the meeting. No report.
- 7.) **President's Report:**
 - a. Bert VanderVeen reported that **Erica Yamaguchi has resigned her position** on the board as she has moved from the Aycock neighborhood.
 - b. Mindy Zachary presented her case to the board to **request MSD funds to repair the flooding problems** in her basement which started in 2008. Ms. Zachary feels the city is responsible for abandoning the storm drain system when Yanceyville St. replaced Bagley St. in the 1970s, which may have contributed to drainage problems along the lower areas of Aycock. The city stopped maintaining the private alleys in 1984; many alleys contained the storm drains that led to the city's water system which runs under Summit Ave. Those drains are now in disrepair. Ms. Zachary mentioned that the city insurance adjuster is willing to meet with her, but her lawyer counseled against the meeting. No civil engineer has been retained to assess the root cause or to

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- propose a viable solution to correct the water in her basement. The board discussed the issue but was not able to vote due to lack of quorum.
- c. City Manager Rashad Young proposed meeting with several neighborhoods to provide city residents with a forum to build bridges with city staff by discussing problems and successes in specific neighborhoods. **Aycock's Walking Tour is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010** starting at 5:30 pm and lasting approx 1 ½ hours. A planning meeting is scheduled for May 25 at 4 pm at Bert VanderVeen's studio on Simpson St with city staffers Sue Schwartz, Cathy Justice, and Donna Gray.
 - d. **War Memorial Stadium** update – David Hoggard was not present to provide an update, but the Historical Preservation Commission is concerned that the funds allocated for the stadium will be used for demolition and not preservation. The topic is scheduled for discussion at the HPC meeting on May 26, 2010.
 - e. **Park Ave stone wall update** – a survey of the property on Park Ave shows that the sidewalk and stone wall are not on private property so the property owner (who lives out of state) claims that MSD funds can be used, since the stone walls are on public property. The city is checking to see if MSD funds are suitable for the repair work. The property owner is not satisfied with the two alternate bids that Bert VanderVeen provided and wishes to use her original (and more costly) vendor. Use of MSD funds requires a bid process.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 pm.