

**HANA MEETING MINUTES  
20 FEBRUARY 2017**

Board Members Present: Raleigh Stout, David Wharton, Lars Farabee, Lynne Leonard, David Horth, Mindy Zachary, Shawn Wriede, Becky Muich  
Guests Present: James Rounds, Tom Franklin, Brian Gilles

**6:30 Call to Order**

David Horth (DH)

**6:32 Approval of Minutes**

*Mindy Zachary (MZ): move to accept*

*Lynne Leonard (LL): second  
unanimously passed*

**6:35 COA's**

MZ: Please check agenda on Feb 22 meeting on the Historic Preservation Greensboro Commission (HPC) site: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=33418>

~612 Park

MZ: new retaining wall on address Park put up without a COA

Tom Franklin (TF): Providing context:owner moved forward on construction of wall without constructing anyone; used a model from Fisher Park

MZ: reads email sent to her by Judy Worsley expressing that the contractor has been handling the concern about the COA

Discussion of other homes in the area with similar concrete wall structures and their dates;

James Rounds (JR): owner had other period-appropriate examples and didn't heed; suggests the contractor needs to eat the cost

More discussion of what the construction should have been to meet the city standards: it's essentially two "layers" too high

TF: There is about a 6 inch difference between the original wall and the newly constructed retaining wall

JR: Not appropriate material and new wall should never have been built

TF: Fisher Park comparable projects, and comparable to the Aycock Neighborhood

MZ: Can't imagine that HPC would approve the project if the material is not right

DH: What would need to be done to make it compliant?

MZ: take down current wall and replace with concrete

DH: Cost?

MZ: \$6-8K

MZ: We could entertain supporting the wall being dropped down to about half the height of the current wall

Lynne Leonard (LL): We couldn't support it because it defeats the point of the wall

JR: He could replace the historic feature

MZ: Contractor made a mistake; can't support this against the HPC

MZ: Would anyone support the wall that has been rebuilt? (NO)

Lars Farabee (LF): In support of providing options to homeowner

SW: considers that inadequate

LL: Also considers it inadequate

MZ: Are you asking us to support application for wall to remain as is?

DF: That is what homeowner is hoping for, but understands that it likely won't happen -- since we don't know exactly why HPC denied it, hard to say

DH: While sympathetic, it's not compliant; if HPC comes up with alternative, we will consider it, but can't support it as is

JR: Wants to note that there is a trend of doing something without permission and asking for forgiveness later

SW: seconded

LL: who will offer better suggestions: JR will be at HPG along with RS, there will be an opportunity to make suggestions

JR: Municipal Service District (MSD) funds are there to protect these historic features; would not be upset to use the funds to replace the wall on the condition that the homeowners kick in some money

DH: Let's close discussion here to consider the other

MZ: Let's see what happens on Wednesday

~602 Fifth

MZ: Windows were changed by previous owner, and current owner is not considered at fault

MZ: We need to meet up with other historic districts to present a united front so that the city can take some action to prevent this

MZ: Wants to replace front windows to period authentic windows

**DH: Homeowner should be commended**

**Unanimously passed**

~624 Park

David Wharton (DW): HPC approved COA to replace door, but not the door that was put in; with staff approval would be historically appropriate; did not approve that particular door; 90 day time limit

### **Treasurer's Report**

Trying to close the PayPal the account, so MZ wants to ensure that the two newsletter ads are indeed paid for

Action: Lars to send pdfs of newsletters to Shawn Wriede (SW) for website

MZ: Needed to revise the end of 2016 because money arrived in the middle of luminary activity and needed to separate it out

MZ: \$37 that surfaced after the 2015 porch party  
MZ: Returned the check to the owners to decide what to do with it  
MZ: Balance sheet is roughly the same  
MZ: Questions?

***Raleigh Stout (RS): Moves to accept; LL: seconds  
Unanimously accepted***

### **Fundraising**

MZ: Still going to pursue Meet Pete; can put it into next newsletter  
MZ: Preservation Greensboro is doing a lecture series; MZ will be giving first one on how Tar Heel Manor came to be saved on March 6 (see website:  
<https://preservationgreensboro.org/event/preservation-information-saving-tar-heel-manor/>)  
MZ: Meet Pete will be after Porchfest, which is not a fundraiser  
MZ: Do we want to target a date for a neighborhood-wide yard sale; everyone pledges to give 10%  
Brian Gilles (BG): we can coordinate with Fisher Park  
MZ: Meet Pete in late April, early May  
RS: Possibility of a fundraiser: a food court during A&T Homecoming  
DH: connect with events committee

### **President's Report**

DH: Try to have the whole neighborhood meeting at the March meeting for a discussion of the name  
LL: city can create the postcard for us  
DH: Do the Waggl thing on the postcard  
LL: put a save the date out on the listserv for the March meeting (which will be our regular meeting date)  
DH: Nothing else to report

### **Community Development**

DW: We need to get our postcard out; Stephan-leih Geary can gather all the information  
MZ: We just need a few quick sentences as an intro; MZ will send out language for response  
DW: city will come up with formatting; MZ: we will sign off on a proof

DH: Lights?  
DW: Straightened up some poles and replaced clear globes with milky  
MZ: All the lights are on for the first time  
MZ: will give David a list of day burners; BG: you can put a list of day burners into the website for repair via Fix It (see website: <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=4373>)  
DH: Talked about moving to Sanibel lighting in some darker spots  
DW: hasn't taken any direct action  
DW: happy to send out a direct survey to see if folks feel like there is inadequate lighting  
MZ: There are no lights on Brandon  
LL: Lights would be nice on Brandon

MZ: We need to schedule the surveys for the neighborhood: name, stormwater, lights  
DH: name goes first

### **Newsletter**

LF: Only Cypress, 5th, Hendrix, and Summit are left

DH: Cypress

BG: Summit

DW: 5th

RS: East Hendrix and Yanceyville

Next newsletter out before the March meeting to put out naming info, Meet Pete, Porchfest, Yardsale; perhaps in calendar format

BG: Shoutout for folks who volunteered for the clean up, which will start at 9 am on Sternberger on Saturday, February 25

DH: Becomes a citizen on March 16, could go in newsletter

LF: Will be out no later than second week of March

### **Cypress Street Parking Lot**

RS: Got commitment from police to continue monitoring (Jan 27 2017)

### **Technology**

SW: Nothing of any consequence to report

DH: Should try to get together to address loss problems with listserv

DW: Can offer help in using Google Groups

DW: would have to have a manager to sign up and send

DH: set up a meeting and invite DW to come for further discussion

LL: How frequently is website visited? Would it be helpful to have something on Porchfest on the website? (YES)

### **Welcoming**

LF: Do we also welcome long-term renters?

Some discussion about creating a basket particular to the renters

DW: it is a lot of units

LF: It could just be a card

MZ: The block of 5th from Sternberger to Dewey are not part of historic district

DH: Two things for Lewis: map of the neighborhood, and creating a new welcome for tenants

RS: Add something in the newsletter

LF: I will communicate with Lewis

### **Events**

LL: 10 Porches signed up so far for Porchfest; 11 with the Farabees; goal is 20 porches (June 10)

We do possibly have a print sponsor in Arts Greensboro  
DH and DW will play for 20 minutes a piece  
LL: There are forms for porch signups and band signups  
DH: start talking about NNO at April meeting

### **New Business**

RS: Special collections and archives at UNCG; RS has been given permission to look at holdings on the 28th of Feb; if we have digital materials we can start sending; will need to set up another email address for communicating with them

DH: Betsey has stuff to be picked up, MZ can pick it up this evening

RS: Mystery yellow flags at Cypress and Yanceyville, etc. A church is using the flags on Saturday morning until church is over on Sunday. Meets in the school auditorium. It's an issue; just be aware.

On city rights of way. Can put in a Fix It through the city

DH: The city did take action on a Fix It about cars

DH: Asked RS to see if we can get a demographic survey of our neighborhood (Fisher Park has already done this)

### **Action List Priorities**

A1 Defer to annual report

A4 DH will be done by early next week

A5 complete

A7 DH done by early next week

Meeting adjourned 7:52