

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
for
April 30, 2006

Present: Betsey Baun, Mebane Ham, Tracy Lamothe, Mindy McReynolds, and Dave Wharton.
Absent: Ritch Chapman, Maliq Culbreath (alternate), John Mandrano, Miki Moore, Jacynthia Mitchell, and Steve Ruzicka.
Guests: Robert, Amanda, and Liam Charest; Mike Foye; Ray Burton; Justin and Marion Smith.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Board President, Betsey Baun.

I. MINUTES

Minutes for the March meeting were approved.

II. COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Officer Greg Gardner

- 705 Chestnut Street – Greg reported that there were two robbery incidents at 705-F Chestnut St. late Thursday night; two black males broke in and held tenants at gunpoint at 8:50 p.m., then there was a second break-in at 1:40 a.m. Joel Bowden owns this property. It was suggested that the Board write a letter to the property owner stating our concerns over the tenants, and Greg Gardner should pay a visit to see the owner, who will be invited to talk at our next meeting.
- 701 Chestnut Street – Things have settled down considerably and a lot of work is being done on the property.
- Crime Review – Greg wanted to reassure us that crime is not rampant in our neighborhood. There were panhandling issues, some crime at the school, and activity at Sullivan at Summit, about 16 incidents in all.

III. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report – Betsey Baun

- War Memorial Stadium – The WMS Committee briefed city council members, who seemed enthusiastic; showed the three versions but recommended the 2500-seat proposal; the committee was talking one-on-one with council members, showing the handout, and presenting the concept as a *city* park rather than a *neighborhood* park.
- Max Thompson Dedication – The Greytones barbershop quartet is seeking a \$50 payment for their services. *M/S/P: The Charles B. Aycock Board of Directors authorizes payment of \$50.00 to The Greytones for their appearance at the Max Thompson Bridge dedication on May 18th.* At 5:45 (until 9:00 p.m.) the Hendrix/Chestnut intersection will be blocked off for our neighborhood block party. Church St. will be blocked off at the bridge from 6:00-6:30, and the Mayor and several council members will be in attendance; Goldie Wells, Chuck Newell, and Steve Ruzicka are scheduled to speak; Carol Thompson and son, Sam, are going to cut the ribbon; Tom Franklin will supply the tent; Dave Hoggard will do the grilling and the Hoggard's special phone line is available for RSVPs; *Reno Garage* will play from 7:00-8:00; Ann Stringfield from Fisher Park would like to be kept in the loop; Tracy Lamothe will make food arrangements (Ray and/or Mindy to assist); Betsey will get the invitations launched (Mindy to assist).

Vice-President's Report – Tracy Lamothe

- Neighborhood Survey – Tracy needs to convert her survey into Excel (Ray Burton to help); the statistics indicate lots of children under the age of 3, and a high incidence of owner-occupancy.

Treasurer's Report – Jacynthia Mitchell (absent)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification – Ritch Chapman (absent)

It was mentioned that there is an A&T Landscaping professor living in our neighborhood who could possibly be approached for this position. We need to gather all the information that Laura Wall had passed on to the Board over a year ago.

Code/Zoning Enforcement – Dave Wharton

- Street Lamps – Chris Spencer has still not gotten back to us.
- 510 Charter – The city has been contacted – no response.
- 600 Fifth – The second front door was closed up but there has been no COA applied for.

Community Watch – Amanda Charest and Mike Foye

- Block Captain Revitalization – Amanda handed out the comprehensive information she gathered about Neighborhood Watch programs. Mike is going to re-establish the network of Watch Captains and plans to hold a training session. Amanda was authorized to order four copies of the Block Captain book available for groups to help them organize. Ray suggested a special site such as Aycowatch.com would help put communication about crime in the neighborhood in front of just the people who need it, and not out to the entire listserv. Ray Burton offered to take pictures of Mike and Amanda, who plan to go door-to-door to introduce the program and enlist support, and write an article for the newsletter. There will also be handouts available at the bridge dedication.

Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds

- DRC – No report.
- HPC – No report.
- The Julius and Emma Morehead Gray House ('Arbor House') – No report.

Newsletter/Website – Dave Wharton

- The newsletter about to come out will have articles about the bridge dedication, codes and ordinances; WMS; the Summit Avenue Corridor Study. It should be distributed this week. Mindy suggested a 450 run length. (Mindy to try to locate the police tips on crime prevention that had been printed in the News & Record.)

Neighborhood Congress (www.gnc-nc.org) – Dave Wharton

No report.

Public Relations – Jacynthia Mitchell (absent)

No report.

Welcoming Committee – Ray Burton

This committee was organized tonight. Tracy volunteered to 'bake and bag' goodies (after the bridge dedication is over), and she and Mindy will meet with Ray to organize an approach.

Next Board Meeting: Either May or June, depending on participants' availability, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Leo's Place.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.