

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
for
January 24, 2005

Present: Betsey Baun, David Hoggard, Tracy Lamothe, Bob Lauver, Lynn Leonard, Mindy McReynolds, and Steve Ruzicka.
Absent: Frankie Green, Miki Moore, and Bruce Oakley, Cat Paige and Dave Wharton.
Guests: John Mandrano

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Betsey Baun after being relocated from St. Leo's Community Room to the residence of Betsey Baun.

Minutes from the November 16th meeting were approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report – Betsey Baun

- Potluck Supper Betsey explained that the Pot Luck Supper date is being changed to February 27th in order to accommodate city representatives who will provide a Summit Avenue Corridor Study and process update. Tracy Lamothe indicated Carol Phillips is willing to organize the 5:00 pm event.
- Summit Avenue Corridor Study Update Betsey reported that she and Dave Wharton attended the RFP review meeting with city staff. Attendees relayed their top three picks. There was considerable consensus, and the top two selected by Mindy McReynolds and Dave Wharton (who had read the RFPs) were the same favorites of the city (the third was eliminated due to an estimated cost of three times the others). Betsey and Dave continue with meetings where they will be interviewing the finalists on February 16th and 17th. All Board members were encouraged to thoughtfully respond to an upcoming E-mail Betsey will be distributing so that the issues of greatest importance to the neighborhood can be discussed during those final interviews. Dave's e-mail report from Jan 13th follows:
*The group that's working on the Summit Ave. corridor study met yesterday, and chose two consulting firms to interview. After the interviews in mid-February, the chosen firm will be coming to the neighborhood to meet neighbors and begin the corridor study process. You'll be happy to know that the two finalists were also the two favorite picks of the neighborhood representatives that are helping to work on this. The companies are Haden-Stanziale and LandDesign. We'll be able to give you a clearer idea of what the whole process will involve at the Winter Potluck but in the meantime, you can read about it at my weblog:
<http://littleurbanity.blogspot.com/2005/01/summit-avenue-wonk-o-rama.html>*
- Downtown Neighborhood Presidents met on January 10th and looked for ways our neighborhoods can better connect to downtown. Greensboro's Center City Master Plan calls for a Downtown Greenway and a number of community organizations are involved in making it a reality. Action Greensboro is hosting a drop-in design workshop for community input on Tuesday, Feb. 1st. Dave Hoggard and Mindy McReynolds indicated they would try to attend.
- Welcome Letters to new homeowners is a project Betsey would like to pursue. Mindy McReynolds agreed to write a draft. All are encouraged to forward names of new residents in the neighborhood.

Vice-President's Report – David Hoggard

Dave was in attendance, but ill – no report.

Treasurer's Report – Tracy Lamothe

- Financial Report – Tracy reported that there is a balance of \$6326.40. In reading the by-laws she realized that our fiscal year is July 1st through June 30th, and not the calendar years as our recently financial records have been kept. She distributed a Budget Report dated January 24, 2005, which showed that

although we fell short on our income, our expenses were much lower. There are three old, outstanding checks that need to be voided and reissued, and a few IOU's left from last year's picnic to collect on.

- Audit Tracy doesn't have a copy of the contract signed between Guilford County and our neighborhood regarding the audit, which is required before an engagement letter for the audit can be issued.
- Fundraising
(no report)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Watch – Frankie Green (absent)

(no report)

Beautification – Lynn Leonard

- Neighborhood Initiative Program Lynn reported on a new grant program from Greensboro Beautiful in partnership with Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department, for beautification and ecology efforts on city and public property in Greensboro. Neighborhood associations are encouraged to apply. She solicited Board feedback for ideas, and since the deadline for 2004-05 grants is Feb. 1st, the Board put forth several suggestions. It was decided that signage indicating the entry into the Aycock Historic District that would be mounted on the back side of the 'Fisher St.' and 'Murrow Blvd. – South' signpost that straddles Summit Avenue would be a good candidate. The existing sign is City property, and appears to meet grant application guidelines. Lynn will try to submit an application before the deadline.

Design Review and Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds

- 763, 765, 767, 769 Chestnut Street John Mandrano's request for re-zoning recommendation was denied.

Code/Zoning Enforcement – Bob Lauver

- Request for Re-zone Support The Zoning Commission also voting against recommending John Mandrano's properties along Chestnut Street be re-zoned. There was another lengthy discussion. David Hoggard discussed with John the possibility of fixing up 769 Chestnut as a single-family residence and selling it, but apparently John does not want to do that. David also felt that since he was able to go before the Board of Adjustments to create two separate lots out of the two houses he owned on Charter despite the issue of square footage might bode well for John's situation, and that John might get approval to re-zone just the one property. Betsey cautioned that should that happen, the process would start over again, with this Board having to recommend supporting that re-zoning before the HPC. Bob Lauver asked John to consider postponing his appearance before the City Council (February 1st) and try to go before the Board of Adjustments first. Dave Hoggard felt that the City Council would probably not contradict the recommendations of both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Zoning Commission.

Newsletter – Mindy McReynolds

(no report)

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 21st at 7:00 pm, St. Leo's Community Room.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.