

**Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association**  
*Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*  
*for*  
*July 23, 2006*

**Present:** Betsey Baun, Tracy Lamothe, Mindy McReynolds, Jacynthia Mitchell, Steve Ruzicka, and Dave Wharton.  
**Absent:** Ritch Chapman, Mebane Ham, John Mandrano, and Miki Moore.  
**Guests:** Ray Burton (resident), Mike Foye (resident), Greg Gardner (Police Officer), and Bob Ward (Assistant City Manager).

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Board President, Betsey Baun.**

**I. MINUTES**

Minutes for the June meeting were amended in that the City Council meeting that Tracy referred to about being scheduled for fall was in reference to the Summit Avenue Corridor Study, and not War Memorial Stadium. The minutes were approved with this correction.

**II. GUEST REPORTS**

**Bob Ward, Assistant City Manager** gave an ‘FYI’ report on plans for the old VFW building across from the Farmers’ Market; it has been vacant but the City is starting to do some work on it; instead of off-site storage, there will be downtown maintenance office people relocated there along with parking for City vehicles and employees’ personal vehicles (both lower and upper lots will be used); grass cutting is on a two-week cycle but that will change; they hope this is a short-term use as they are looking for another more permanent situation; meanwhile, more will need to be done to upgrade the place than originally planned; activity will occur roughly from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm.

**Community Officer’s Report - Greg Gardner (373-2486)**

- Crime Reports – Greg encouraged residents to report all crimes, and to call even if there is no evidence for police to collect; stolen items may show up in pawn shops.
- 520 Percy – there has been significant crime emanating from this site; it is the same place where several drug-related arrests occurred a few months ago; Andrew Clark is the owner and Greg suggested the board send a letter.
- 705 Chestnut – since the night of the two thefts, Greg hasn’t heard anything new.
- NNO – usually we get a great turnout from police; Greg suggested we also call the fire department and invite the firefighters; each police team has about four neighborhoods to visit.
- Tony Tungstell – will be taking over some of Greg’s neighborhood duties regarding community liaison.

**III. OFFICERS’ REPORTS**

**President’s Report – Betsey Baun**

- Elections – The new Aycock Board election will be held during NNO and Betsey solicited candidates; she would like a brief bio on each person interested in running for the six Board openings.
- Committee Chairs – Several positions are open, and the Beautification Chair needs to be filled; it was suggested that each committee chair send a representative to Board meetings to report on that committee’s activities (to be doled out when the new calendar is set up), if the committee chairperson cannot attend.
- Greensboro Bicentennial Walking Tours – The City’s bicentennial celebrations will be held from March 25<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup> in 2008; Ray Burton volunteered to be our neighborhood liaison; Betsey suggested we include a house tour as part of our contribution to the festivities; the GSO public library has also suggested several ideas for neighborhood participation;

- A&T Landscaping Students – have charrette projects each spring, and Betsey is hopeful the Aycock neighborhood will be considered for one.
- War Memorial Stadium (reported by Dave Wharton) – is the only remaining functioning World War I memorial in North Carolina; the City Council has agreed to put the \$5 million renovation version (the option we favored) on the bond referendum; the mayor thought landscaping funds might be found from the City’s Parks & Recreation budget; the City Council will finalize the bond list at Tuesday’s meeting and Betsey will speak in support of the WMS bond; also, Skip Moore (head of the Weaver Foundation) has formed a committee organized to support all the bonds, with a \$250,000 budget; the committee is requesting that supporters for each bond issue raise funds to help gain public support, and they would like to raise \$2500 for the War Memorial Stadium segment; since there is no organized group acting in support of WMS, the committee would like access to our e-mail list; the Board declined to provide our neighborhood list, but pledged to support help raise funds toward the \$2500 WMS goal.
- Max Thompson Dedication – Betsey shared the letter from Francis and Paige Thompson thanking the neighborhood for arranging the bridge dedication.
- Summit Avenue Corridor Study – Betsey (along with Karen Weston-Chien, Dick Hails, Stefan-leih Geary, Russ Clegg, and other city staff) attended the first presentation to the Planning Commission 3-4 months ago; there was no quorum but a lot of interest, and the planners seemed to want ‘more’ than what was proposed; for example, the chairperson wanted to bury power lines; Karen and city staff were afraid costs to do so would be prohibitive and kill interest in the project; there was a second meeting that Betsey and Stefan-leih attended, where Stefan-leih presented an abbreviated version of the earlier one; everything has been put on hold until late August or early September; Mindy raised concerns about the ‘draft’ version of the study going before the Planning Commission without endorsement by the neighborhood and/or Aycock Board, and wondered where the ‘final’ version was; Dave Wharton offered to check with Sue Schwartz about the ‘deliverables’ part of the contract with Hadenstanziale, and to see if they’ve completed their work according to the RFP specifications and subsequent contract.

**Vice-President’s Report – Tracy Lamothe**

No report.

**Treasurer’s Report – Jacynthia Mitchell**

- Financial Report – No change since the last report.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beautification – Ritch Chapman (absent)**

No report.

**Code/Zoning Enforcement – Dave Wharton**

- C&Z Requests – Dave has made some petty C&Z requests (un-mowed lawns, etc.); concerned about fire hazard in the hallway of the ‘Castle House’ on Summit.
- 516 Fifth – there is concern about vegetation growing up the side of the house.
- 111 Cypress – was going before the Minimum Housing Commission.
- 510 Charter – Tracy has befriended Carlo and she may be able to make some headway.

**Community Watch – John Mandrano (absent), Amanda Charest (absent) and Mike Foye**

- National Night Out – will be held August 1<sup>st</sup>; the kids’ parade will begin at 5:30 pm; no streets will be blocked off; Jacynthia volunteered to help Mike get a flyer out; someone is still needed to cook.
- Signage – There is a request for ‘Children at Play’ signs along Yanceyville; there is a request for additional Neighborhood Watch signs, and Dave will look for the street light locator map so that existing signs can be tracked.

**Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds**

- DRC – No report.
- HPC – No report.

**Newsletter/Website – Dave Wharton**

No report.

**Neighborhood Congress ([www.gnc-nc.org](http://www.gnc-nc.org)) – Dave Wharton**

No report.

**Public Relations – Jacynthia Mitchell**

No report.

**Welcoming Committee – Ray Burton and Paula Patch (absent)**

The organizational meeting has not yet occurred.

**New Business**

**Next Board Meeting:** August 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Leo's Place.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:18 pm