

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
for
March 26, 2006

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

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Board President, Betsey Baun.

I. MINUTES

Minutes for the February meeting were approved.

II. COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Officer Greg Gardner was unable to attend.

III. OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report – Betsey Baun

- War Memorial Stadium – The 2500-seat proposal was the version endorsed by the committee, creating a 'park within a park' concept. Tuesday morning the City Council will be briefed.
- Max Thompson Dedication – The Hendrix St. Bridge Dedication will be held on Thursday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m. A barbershop quartet will perform on the Church St. side, where the plaque will be dedicated. There will follow a neighborhood street party and Bar-B-Q on the Chestnut St. side of the bridge, with board members acting as hosts and servers.
- Lampposts – The street lamp report was turned in a month ago, but we've heard nothing back yet.
- Need for Beautification Chair - There is a city-wide cleanup scheduled for April 1st, but no one has stepped forward to organize our neighborhood's participation. We need an active chairperson. Also, Betsey expressed concern about trees that were cut down from the Aycock School yard at Cypress and Yanceyville. Evidently it was not wholesale cutting, but trimming up and removing dead bushes.

Vice-President's Report – Tracy Lamothe (absent)

Treasurer's Report – Jacynthia Mitchell

- Financial Report – We have \$6002.00 in our account. The Revolving Fund seed money account has been being drained by bank fees each month. On Monday that account will be closed, and a new one opened that will not have service charges.
- 711 Park Avenue sale – We are awaiting our first \$2,000 payment, with the balance due at closing. Those funds will be added to the Revolving Fund account.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification – Ritch Chapman (absent)

No report.

- Playground Equipment – Brooks McClain from the City reported that the money left over from the 2002 Bond Referendum is enough to handle 37 playgrounds. Each will be unique but share the same colors. Sternberger Park is ninth on the list, so new equipment should be in by the end of summer. This equipment will be much safer than what is currently there, with a 'kid cushion' beneath the equipment. Lake Daniel's has upgraded their playground near the tennis courts, and we can as well. Mebane and Jacynthia volunteered

to check out those upgrades. There may be additional upgrade funds available through a Greensboro Beautiful grant (\$1000 maximum), a City Small Projects grant, our own MSD funds, or the honorariums given in Max Thompson's name. Upgrades include grills (Rosewood and Benbow parks), drinking fountains, and trash cans. Also, there is an Adopt-a-Park program where a group adopts a park for five years. They can prepare planting beds (but not put in plants), and must have a plan.

Code/Zoning Enforcement – Dave Wharton (absent)

- 111 Cypress – Mebane reported that there is a hearing set for April 4th. The owner will be allowed 30 days to make the cited repairs.
- 701 Chestnut St. – Amanda Charest reported that they regularly check that property. It still has boarded-up windows, and she is still concerned that the condition of the property will not attract the best neighbors. Also, 699 and 705 Chestnut might have code violations. Any five people can start an inspection process of the RUCO ordinance, which grants inspected and approved rental properties five-year certificates. Jacynthia suggested we still write to the owners of offending properties, put the information into the newsletter, and copy the tenants, correspondence to the owners.

Community Watch – John Mandrano

- Lisa – John reported that 'Lisa' may still be in the area, as she is calling local folks. There has been significant reporting on her via the neighborhood listserv, suggesting her involvement in criminal activity, but in the least, asking for money and snooping around neighbors' homes. For behavior such as hers it was suggested we direct folks to the Urban Ministry.
- Block Captains – Amanda Charest and Mike Foye volunteered to help resurrect the Block Captain program and Community Watch in general.

M/S/P The Charles B. Aycock Board of Directors appointed Amanda Charest and Mike Foye to co-chair the Community Watch Committee with John Mandrano.

Design Review Committee and Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds

- DRC – No report.
- HPC – No report.
- The Julius and Emma Morehead Gray House ('Arbor House') – Mindy presented an idea to help save this old, downtown house, by encouraging its relocation to Sternberger Park. The Board supported this suggestion. Mindy will report back to Benjamin Briggs of Preservation Greensboro, Inc.

Newsletter/Website – Dave Wharton

The newsletter will be out soon, and advertisers are encouraged.

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

No report.

Public Relations – Jacynthia Mitchell

No report.

Next Board Meeting: April 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Leo's Place.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.