

**Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association**  
*Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*  
*for*  
*November 16, 2004*

**Present:** Betsey Baun, Tracy Lamothe, Mindy McReynolds, Cat Paige, Steve Ruzicka and Dave Wharton.

**Absent:** Frankie Green, David Hoggard, Bob Lauver, Lynn Leonard, Miki Moore, and Bruce Oakley.

**Guests:** Officer Johnson

**Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm by Betsey Baun

**Minutes** from the October 25th meeting were approved. It was decided that future minutes would be distributed to the Board of Directors via e-mail, and posted to the neighborhood web site.

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

#### **President's Report – Betsey Baun**

- Nominations for Preservation Greensboro Inc.'s Annual Awards Betsey asked the board to nominate local properties to be considered by PGI's annual awards. Three were nominated: 686 Percy, 755 Percy, and 750 Chestnut. Mindy is to forward this information to Ginny Hoggard, Administrative Assistant at PGI.
- Summit Avenue Corridor Study Update RFQs were reviewed by Tracy, Mindy, and Dave Wharton, with Mindy and Dave attending the city's review committee, represented by Planning, Transportation, Park & Recreation, and city staff. The RFQs were winnowed down to six finalists, who will receive RFPs, and the neighborhood will have a chance to review.
- Neighborhood Congress Update At the November 13<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Congress Meeting, the city and Greensboro Beautiful presented funding opportunities for capital improvement projects for 2005. The alley maintenance issue raised by Mindy McReynolds and the Women's Resource Center could be a candidate, and Dave agreed to arrange to meet with the appropriate city officials to assess the situation. A determination must be made whether our MSD funds can be used for this purpose. We must have neighborhood input to support. Dave stressed the importance of keeping these funding sources in mind as we begin to implement improvement projects according to the Strategic Plan for the Aycock Neighborhood.

#### **Vice-President's Report – David Hoggard (absent)**

- Noise Ordinance Update – Betsey indicated that the decibels meters program is probably the way the city will go (refer to October's minutes).

#### **Treasurer's Report – Tracy Lamothe**

- Financial Report – Tracy reported that there is a balance of \$5810.28. She hasn't been able to gather all of the information from the former Treasurer yet, but has been able to make some headway toward the audit we must complete.
- Fundraising – The Neighborhood Yard Sale didn't receive significant support, but a small profit was realized.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Community Watch – Frankie Green (absent)**

Officer Johnson of the Community Resource Team reported on the 5-6 blocks of this zone: 2 auto break-ins (one car was unlocked) and a bicycle.

Betsey is concerned about the organization of this group and has made several (unsuccessful) attempts to have this group meet to develop strategies. Bob McReynolds will attend the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> city-wide meeting.

It was mentioned to Officer Johnson that there is a lot of short stop drive up traffic at 516-5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Johnson indicated the Executive Inn has been closely watched. A 'Nuisance Abatement' letter has been sent to the owner. This gives the police the opportunity to identify potential problem projects.

**Beautification – Lynn Leonard (absent)**

**Code/Zoning Enforcement – Bob Lauver (absent)**

- Request for Re-zone Support An E-mail submitted by John Mandrano was received. He wishes to add two electrical meters to property he owns at 769 Chestnut Street. That e-mail was forwarded to Board members, and the response up to the time of this meeting was unanimously in opposition to the request.

**Newsletter – Mindy McReynolds**

- FALL '04 The fall newsletter has been printed and distributed. 300 is a little short so we should print 350 for the next run.

**Historic Preservation Commission – Mindy McReynolds**

- Aycock Middle School lighting plan - the lighting scheme for Aycock Middle School, as originally proposed, was acceptable to that HPC Board at their October meeting, and the COA was granted despite this Board's opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COA Applications**

- 769 Chestnut Street – John Mandrano presented his case for re-zoning his property at 769 Chestnut Street. Because the re-zoning which occurred many years ago (back to RS7), this property and many others are now out of compliance because of their grandfathered usage. The city is telling John that the only way he can add two electrical meters to this property is to re-zone it and the next three properties he owns along Chestnut Street to RM18. The board decided not to support this request, but Mindy volunteered to work with the city to see if there was some less drastic action that could be taken to allow John his three meters.
- Historic District Signage - Support for our long-awaited neighborhood-specific street signs was unanimously supported.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, St. Leo's Community Room.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 p.m.