

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association Inc.

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 25, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 25, 2014 at St. Leo's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Linda Fusco. Anne-Marie Earl agreed to transcribe the minutes.

Board Members Present: Robert Coltun, Anne-Marie Earl, Linda Fusco, Brian Gillies, David Horth, Lynne Leonard, Esther Maltby, Mindy Zachary

Board Members Absent: John Mandrano, Matthew Thomas, Bert VanderVeen, Mark Walter, Shawn Wriede

Others Present: Officer Douglas E. Campbell, Pam Grigsby, Gary Silverstein, Zora Medor, Mebane Ham, David Wharton

**Greensboro Police Department Crime Report:** Officer Campbell reported that burglaries were up to 6 this month as opposed to 2 for the same time period last year, including an accident at Summit and Yanceyville where the driver was found to be impaired, one incident of an attempted break-in, and four incidents of fraudulent checks being passed. Officer Campbell also reported that the Summit Hill homeless camp by the railroad was cleared out.

Officer Doug Campbell presented Linda Fusco with a certificate for participating in National Night Out.

**ACTION ITEM: Linda to give Mindy Zachary a copy of the National Night Out participation certificate for the neighborhood historical records.**

### Special Speakers:

**Gary Silverstein of Energy Reduction Specialists** came to the meeting to talk about the E-Conservation program run out of NC State University, which gives homeowners an opportunity to help retrofit their older homes for energy conservation. A retrofit starts with an energy assessment by a certified technician, and then they decide where the most energy is lost. Then, the technician makes repairs to help conserve energy. The homeowner pays \$100, and \$700 is paid for by the program. There are a few requirements to be approved for the program, including that it is owner-occupied, built prior to 2006, and it does not exceed 2200 square feet. Prior to the assessment, the homeowner must attend an energy conservation workshop. Gary took contact information from interested homeowners in attendance and will inform the E-Conservation Program of neighborhood interest for a workshop. **ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco will follow up with Gary Silverstein to coordinate workshop.**

**Minutes/Secretary's Report:** July minutes were distributed and reviewed, and they were accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer Report showed an ending balance of \$6975.59, with \$5,728.66 in the General Fund and the rest in Escrow.

**President's Report:** Linda Fusco proposed a bylaws change. The bylaws state that past president stays on the board for two years after their service, but Bert VanderVeen expressed an interest in staying on the board past his two-year stint. Linda has recommended a bylaws change to extend the term of the Past President. The board was not in favor of that change but would prefer to have Bert stay on as a director based on the number of votes he received at the August election. **ACTION ITEM: Linda will discuss the board's decision with Bert.**

### Committee Reports:

**Alleyway Issues:** Shawn Wriede and Mindy Zachary met with Tom Carruthers, the city attorney, and he is going to make a proposal to the neighborhood.

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**Fundraising:** Mindy Zachary reported that we need \$500 to digitize our neighborhood archival records. She has asked her renter, musician Molly McGinn, to play a concert at her house to raise money, and Molly agreed. **ACTION ITEMS: Mindy Zachary to send an email to the neighborhood asking for donations and to continue working on Molly McGinn's fundraising concert.**

**Historic Preservation:** No COAs for Aycock this month. The COA for 604 Park Avenue from last month was approved.

**Newsletter:** Nothing to report this month.

**Technology:** Shawn Wriede was not in attendance to report. Bob Coltun spoke with the author of Greensboro Places, who gave the neighborhood permission to use information in his book to populate the app for the tunnel.

**Welcoming:** Bert VanderVeen was not in attendance to report.

**Special Projects:** Nothing to report this month.

**Greensboro Neighborhood Congress:** Matthew Thomas was not in attendance to report.

**Community Garden:** The shed has been built. Esther is leaving the colors up to the gardeners to paint. Unfortunately, there has been an issue with neighbors stealing produce. **ACTION ITEMS: Mindy Zachary to price three political signs and Esther to come up with wording for signs conveying that the community garden plots are for the renters of those plots only.**

### Old Business:

Archiving: See fundraising. Mindy Zachary continues to collect items, and she is sending a second batch to Jennifer in 30-60 days. Jennifer will then organize and digitize those records. **ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary will write a summary of neighborhood history (or find someone to write a summary) for Shawn to place on the Historic Aycock website.**

The mural for Leftwich Tunnel: The interior lights have been taken down at the tunnel, and Linda Fusco presented options for the lighting. There were two main estimates: \$12,590 for older-technology LED lights and \$19,000 for newer-technology LED lights. The board voted and agreed on the newer-technology lights for \$19,000 (vote was 7 to 1). For the entrance lights, to hook up the donated lights from Revolution Mills, it will cost \$2,000. To hook up new lights in case we do not receive the donated lights, it will cost \$2,710. The board unanimously agreed that Revolution Mill lights are our first choice, but if they don't work out, we will go with the new lights that cost \$2,710 (vote was 8 to 0).

Betsey Horth reported that the city repaired the sidewalks, removed the old lighting, moved the power meter, and power-washed the tunnel. Darlene's contract has been signed. Betsey, Linda, Darlene, and Bob met and went over the designs, and Linda signed off on them based on changes that Darlene agreed to make. Betsey shared a rough design with those in attendance. The monopoly floor concept is moving forward. Sarah Gulley, Josh Neas, Mebane Ham, Betsey Horth, Robert Coltun, and Linda Fusco conducted research and reviewed pieces of the Monopoly element. A neighbor requested to add George Preddy's story to the Monopoly element. **ACTION ITEM: Once the floor design is final, task force to submit design proposal to Hasbro for permission, which takes roughly four weeks.**

Still to come, the task force will ask Aycock Middle to participate in an art day to help paint the mural, as well as a community day, early in the process. Bert VanderVeen was asked to take pictures of the project. Further along in the process, Dawn Kane with the News & Record will do an article on the project, and Bill Hancock with the O'Henry magazine has been contacted as well. Betsey asked that we continue to take pictures as the project progresses for documentation.

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Mebane Ham reported that the Greenway will now join the Leftwich Tunnel.

**ACTION ITEM: Mark Walter will continue researching the history of the Leftwich Tunnel.**

Sign at Yanceyville and Bessemer: The bricks have arrived the digging has started. **ACTION ITEM: If you take pictures of the progress for the tunnel and the sign, send them to Mark Walter or Shawn Wriede and they will post the photos on Facebook.**

**New Business:**

Vision Statement: Mindy suggested that David Horth should lead a task force to write the vision statement. **ACTION ITEM: David Horth to accept or decline by August 31.**

Updating Tradesmen List: Linda spoke with Ann Stringfield about “pruning” our Tradesmen List. The board agreed to let Preservation Greensboro take over the hosting of the list after it was purged.

Neighborhood Cleanup: Anne-Marie Earl and Brian Gillies are organizing the neighborhood cleanup, and they will include Lynne Leonard in the planning process. Esther Maltby and Amy Murphy continue to clean up the woods. There are only three camps left to clean up.

**Announcements for Aycock:**

- Upcoming 2014 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – Sep 22, Oct 27, Dec 1
- Luminarias – Sun, Dec 14, 2014 (Rain Date Sun, Dec 21, 2014) – Sternberger Park

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Submitted by,

Anne-Marie Earl