

Charles B. Aycock Neighborhood Association Inc.
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at St. Leo's Place. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Linda Fusco. Secretary 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, Matthew Thomas, Shawn Wriede, Mindy Zachary

Board Members Absent: John Mandrano (alternate), Mark Walter (alternate)

Others Present: Officer Doug Campbell, David Wharton, TK Miller, Tom Krissak, Dabney Sanders

Greensboro Police Department Crime Report: Officer Campbell reported recent crimes in the neighborhood, including trespassing, larceny, breaking and entering, a hit and run, burglary, domestic violence, and reported gunshots.

Special Speaker:

Dabney Sanders, project manager of the Downtown Greenway, came to talk to the neighborhood about Greenway plans for 2015. They are currently waiting on construction authorization to construct the northern section of the project. They also plan to construct in the area around Deep Roots and Crafted's new restaurant, as well as the Fisher-Eugene area. A section of Fisher Avenue will be rebuilt, and the Greenway will be on its south side. Plans are nearly completed for the southern region of downtown, and construction will potentially start in May for that area. The western section of downtown will be under design soon, and Downtown Greenway is signing contract with design firm Kimley-Horne for the design. For the east side along Murrow Blvd, design plans are 50-percent complete. Downtown Greenway hopes to complete the project by the end of 2018.

Minutes/Secretary's Report: Minutes from the October regular meeting, November special meeting, and December meeting were distributed and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: All 2014 activity has been transferred into QuickBooks. The checking account balance is \$2,542.45. The savings account balance is \$3,204.00. We made \$600.67 on luminaries in December. There was a direct contribution to Aycock Middle's PBIS program of \$185.23. \$100 of the luminaries profits will go to Aycock Middle's PBIS program. **ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary to send 1099 information to Darlene by Friday, January 30.** The Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

President's Report:

Nancy Adamson completed the plantings at Leftwich Tunnel.

Linda passed around plans for bulletin boards to be constructed at Sternberger Park and Leftwich Tunnel, and the board will review the estimate for the next meeting. Linda also reported that Andy is repairing the Little Library at no cost.

The street light poles were straightened and painted. **ACTION ITEM: Linda to contact Kim Smith about installing new globes and new LED light fixtures for streetlights.**

David Horth inquired about the lettering at the entrance of Leftwich Tunnel and whether or not we could have it redone by another artist. The consensus was not to change lettering.

Summit Avenue Streetscape Project Report:

David Wharton sent a video he made about the Summit Avenue Streetscape project to the neighborhood, as well as city council members. He also set up a petition to get the project in motion on Change.org. It was signed by over 200 people, and nearly 75% of those signatures were from Greensboro residents, most from Aycock and Fisher Park. Mike Barber responded and is supportive, as well as Sharon Hightower and Nancy Hoffman. David has not gotten a response from the mayor, and has not heard back from Jamal Fox lately, but will continue to contact him. Assistant City Manager of Infrastructure David Parish will attend the next Aycock neighborhood meeting.

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David reported that after talking to Sharon Hightower, he is confident that the Summit Avenue bond will not expire after 10 years, as there are still active bonds from 1998.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: David Horth submitted a proposed Board Member contract, which will be voted on at the February meeting.

Fundraising: Molly McGinn's concert will be held in March at 600 Summit, \$10 per ticket for 50 tickets, or it will be a concert/jam session with Molly. **ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary to continue working on Molly McGinn's fundraising concert. Mindy to also look into permits and planning for a Spring Fling flea market in May at Sternberger Park.**

Historic Preservation: Two COA applications were submitted. For 708 Summit, they are requesting approval to install a wood and steel ramp. For 703-705 Park Avenue, the owner is requesting approval to install a light for their parking lot. The board did not support either COA because further information is needed.

Newsletter: The newsletter went out at the beginning of the year.

Technology: Nothing to report this month. **ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary is working with Charlie Newell and will write a summary of neighborhood history (or find someone to write a summary) for Shawn to place on the Historic Aycock website.**

Welcoming: Anne-Marie Earl reported that welcome baskets need to be distributed to three new residents: Leigh at 708 5th, 706 5th, and a house on the corner of Brandon and Percy. **ACTION ITEM: Anne-Marie to put together and deliver welcome baskets to three new neighbors.**

Special Projects:

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress: Shawn Wriede reported what was covered at the last GNC meeting. It was about how the 9-1-1 system operates. Mindy Zachary suggested that Shawn forward GNC's meeting minutes. **ACTION ITEM: Shawn Wriede to forward GNC's latest meeting minutes.**

Old Business:

Vision Statement: Nothing to report this month. **ACTION ITEM: David Horth to continue working on the vision statement.**

Neighborhood Sign at Yanceyville and Bessemer: **ACTION ITEM: Linda Fusco to follow up with Stefan-leih to complete this sign and inquire about plantings.**

ACTION ITEM: Mindy Zachary to talk to Sally about sketching plantings around sign at Yanceyville and Bessemer.

New Business:

Housing Compliance: **ACTION ITEM: Shawn Wriede and Linda Fusco to check on the structure with a collapsed roof on the 700th block of Park Ave.**

Announcements for Aycock:

- Upcoming 2015 Board/Neighborhood Meetings – Feb 23

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19.

Submitted by,

Anne-Marie Earl