

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2009

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by president, John McLendon. Board members present were Rachel Cannon-Percival, Lutie Graham, John McLendon, Robert Pope, David Craft, Greg Grieve, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usry, Sally Atwood, Gene Rogers, and Sherry Rogowski. Absent were Rick Luebke, Jane Jackson, Nicole Crews, and Geoff Wall. Guests were Ray Armstrong, Mary Beach, Bill Hancock, John Linn, Adeline Talbot, and Carey Tanner.

Report from the January 28 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

302 Parkway Drive – Widen driveway, add brick retaining walls – Continued.

707 N. Greene Street (Paisley House; owned by First Presbyterian Church, leased to Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network) – Withdrawn due to city ordinance limiting portable storage units to 14 days. Still need storage facility.

910 Magnolia Street – Petition for determination of demolition by neglect – Continued.

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for February 25:

302 Parkway Drive - Widen driveway, add brick retaining walls to be continued again so that owners can provide more detail regarding wall design.

112 Fisher Park Circle – Construct addition to rear of house – Board voted to support with conditions regarding replacement trees. If the chimney is original ask to retain.

201 East Hendrix Street – Repairs and alterations to walkways and steps – Board voted to support the front walkway, front porch steps, and backyard walkway; do not support the steps from sidewalk suggest she discuss with the Design Review Committee.

910 Magnolia Street – Petition for determination of demolition by neglect – City Inspections & Code Enforcement has meeting scheduled with owner in early March; HPC is likely to continue the petition.

Minutes from January 26 Board Meeting approved

Treasurer's Report: Neighborhood Watch window decals have been included in the budget. PO Box rental budget changed to \$58.00. Revenue of \$60.00 from T-shirt sales added to the budget. Motion made and budget approved.

Committee Reports:

Events: Discussion about a potluck with a band in May to bring Fisher Park neighbors together. More information regarding cost will be brought to next Board meeting.

Neighborhood Watch: Police have been working with Red Mikes to removed paint from windows and move counter so employees will see who is coming into the store and police can see the employees. They have not found any evidence of drugs sold on the store property. The security decals cling, not stick to windows.

Park Committee: February 28 is East Park planting day, in the afternoon; this is part of first phase of approved plantings. March 7 is planting day for First Presbyterian Church along Fisher Park Circle across from the church; Florence Gatten donated funds for these plantings and Robert Kantlehner of FPNA Park Committee will coordinate. We received the Greensboro Beautiful grant for remainder of approved first phase plantings in the fall; thanks to David Craft. Parks and Rec Dept will pay for Voc Ed from Grimsley to repair steps and bridges in East Park; and they will contact Mr. Degraffenreid. NeighborWoods fliers have been sent out and volunteers will go door to door for those who have not responded. Will Leimenstoll of First Presbyterian Church "Green Team" with assistance from Robert Kantlehner is working on plan to plant canopy trees in the along the stream in the lower West Park. We will get input from Brooks Mullane and Mike Cusimano on planting locations and recommended species. The Board voted to approve this project with Park Committee to review and confirm planting locations. Motion made and approved to obtain copies of the Master Plan (2 full size sets on paper and 5 on CD) at a cost of about \$105. These copies will be used with the NeighborWoods application and for FPNA records.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Three lamp poles around the park recently damaged. If you see any damaged lights call Greg and he will inform Duke Energy. Have not received a response regarding the small projects grant to restore signposts.

Other Business:

- John is working on plans for a Fisher Park Gardens and Urban Forestry program with Chip Calloway as featured speaker, along with information about planting and maintaining existing trees, and Historic District guidelines for trees and landscaping. More details to follow. A spring garden tour may also be planned.
- John reported that there is interest by the City to work with us on a Neighborhood Plan. The Department of Housing and Community Development has a staff and process for developing these plans. College Hill is now working on a plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary