

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, March 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, Rick Luebke, John McLendon, Robert Pope, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sally Atwood, Nicole Crews, and Gene Rogers. Absent were David Craft, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usry, Sherry Rogowski, and Geoff Wall. Guests were Ann Stringfield, Dawn Leonard, Justin Leonard, Ed Cox and Mark Fritz.

Report from the February 25 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

302 Parkway Drive - Widen driveway and construct brick retaining walls – Continued.

112 Fisher Park Circle – Construct addition to rear of house – Approved with conditions.

201 East Hendrix Street – Repairs and alterations to walkways and steps – Continued.

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

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for March 25:

302 Parkway Drive - Widen driveway and construct brick retaining walls – May be continued again for owners to provide more details regarding wall design.

201 East Hendrix St - Repairs and alterations to walkways and steps. Applicant decided not to pursue the steps up from the sidewalk. Board voted to support application with clarification of materials for porch steps to be compatible with guidelines.

617 North Elm St – Signage at the First Presbyterian Church. Board voted to support (with 6 in favor and 3 opposed) application as submitted with revised dimensions but to object to large internally illuminated sign if they decide to continue with that one.

Treasurer's Report : Expenses of \$1,196.00 for the first phase approved plantings.

Committee Reports:

Events: April 4 is the Easter Egg Hunt. May 30 will be the neighborhood potluck outside at the Temple with option for inside in case of rain. Alternative for a band are being researched.

Neighborhood Watch: Crime is down in recent reports. Door-to-door solicitations may increase with warmer weather. Trying to obtain a copy of the solicitation permit to see what it looks like. We still have neighborhood watch decals. Discussion will be

continued as to whether we want to include decals in the Welcome packages for newcomers. FPNA has registered on the Greensboro Community Watch which is a website founded by a community watch coordinator in downtown Greensboro. Trends of criminal activity in Fisher Park will be posted and the website will be monitored for trends in other areas. This does not take place of the City's P2C website.

Park Committee: Received \$900.00 check from Greensboro Beautiful for remainder of first phase approved plantings. Sally or Carl will take to Rob. First Presbyterian Church volunteers have completed the plantings along Fisher Park Circle. The committee, Parks & Rec, and the City's Urban Forester have approved FPC Green Team tree planting along stream in lower West Park. Items for upcoming workday will include overgrowth along stream, invasives, ivy in trees, etc. NeighborWoods forms are still being requested and Sally is working on application for May 30 deadline. Door-to-door requests will continue. The new owners of the Douglas House house want to make a contribution for plantings along that portion of Fisher Park Circle, and the committee will consult Chip Calloway for suggestions. Summer watering volunteers will be needed for the new plantings.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Still have not heard about the small projects grant. Greg will continue to call.

Other Business:

- John reported that the Fisher Park Gardens and Urban Forestry Program is been scheduled for April 23 at 6:30 PM in Redhead Hall at FPC. Presenters will include Chip Calloway, Mike Cowhig and Stephan-leih Geary of the Historic District program, and Urban Forester Mike Cusimano. Also, a neighborhood garden tour is scheduled for April 26 and Nicole is coordinating those details.
- Simpson Street neighbors Dawn and Justin Leonard talked about food production with vegetable gardens (victory gardens) within the city limits. They have a website at: urbanharvest-gso.com
- The proposed Downtown Design & Compatibility Manual will be released by the Greensboro Planning Department for public comment next month. The proposal includes an overlay district that would include portions of our neighborhood along and to the south of Fisher Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary