

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, June 22, 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, Sherry Rogowski, and Geoff Wall. Absent were Rick Luebke, Jane Jackson, Nicole Crews, and Gene Rogers. Guest was Ed Cox.

**Report from the May 27 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:**

105 East Bessemer Avenue – Replace windows (after-the-fact) - continued. Last month we voted to support replacement of vinyl windows with wood windows only in the front. Commission stated vinyl windows are not permissible anywhere and asked applicant to come back next month with plan to replace all vinyl over specified period of time.

900 Carolina Street – Removal of garage, trees, new carport and house additions – continued. Last month we voted to support the application with conditions. HPC had concerns about trees, taking garage down and replacing with open carport, and removing side porch on the Hendrix Street side.

**Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for June 24:**

617 North Elm Street – First Presbyterian Church signage. Church representatives described minor changes in the plan since last month. The Board did not have any new concerns and previous vote to support the application remains in effect.

900 Carolina Street – Removal of garage, trees, new carport and house additions. Will be continued again at request of the applicant. The owners and architect need more time to address concerns of HPC.

105 East Bessemer Avenue – Window replacement (after-the-fact). There was no new information and previous vote to support the application remains in effect.

910 Magnolia Street – Update on petition for determination of demolition by neglect. John met with City representatives last week. There is an outstanding order to repair or demolish the shed and the owner has not responded (the minimum housing standards commission gave him 90 days, which runs out on August 10); if he does not comply, the building inspector will submit an application for a COA and get final okay from the City Attorney's office to proceed with getting bids and awarding a contract for demolition. The shed will likely be demolished in October and the City will have a lien on the property for the demolition expenses. The process for the house will be similar. The building inspector found a number of violations but unlike the shed, the structure of the

house is sound; the Minimum Housing Standards Commission will consider the matter at its meeting on July 14 and likely give the owner 90 days to repair or demolish the house. At some point we should try again to contact the owner and encourage him to repair the house or sell the property to someone who will make repairs.

### **Neighborhood Planning**

Downtown Greenway. John reported that the first phase is under construction on the Greensboro College sports park south of Lee Street. The City recently contracted with a design-engineering firm to study and prepare a preliminary design for Murrow Blvd and Fisher Ave. There will be two public meetings for review and input, one in September and a second later in the fall.

Downtown Design Manual. At the Zoning Commission on June 8, an attorney for several downtown area developers requested a continuance. The next meeting of the Zoning Commission is July 13.

Holloman House. John reported that we are trying to restart discussions with First Presbyterian Church regarding alternatives to demolition. Preservation Greensboro is also asking the church to consider alternatives.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Neighborhood Watch:** Sonya reported that a suspect has been arrested for the murder at Red Mike's. National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 4 at 7 PM in the East Park near the playground. Sonya and Rachel will be out of town. Sonya will email with what needs to be done and request volunteers. Further organization will be detailed next meeting. There is a gentleman in Southside getting neighborhood watch coordinators together on a list serve to share information.

**Park Committee:** Sally reported that the committee will meet later in the summer to plan for the fall plantings. Chip Calloway will assist with ideas for area across from Douglas-Ravenel house. The West Park is overgrown due to the rainy weather and a workday will be scheduled in July. NeighborWoods application has been submitted. We will receive a decision at the end of this month.

**Streets & Sidewalks:** Greg will contact GDOT about possibilities and costs for exposing bricks along gutters when streets are repaved, and how we can monitor the repaving schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lutie Graham, Secretary