

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, July 27, 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, Greg Grieve, Sonya Lowe, and Nicole Crews. Absent were Rick Luebke, David Craft, Jane Jackson, Connie Usry, Sally Atwood, Gene Rogers, Sherry Rogowski, and Geoff Wall. Guests were Ed Cox, Mary Beach and Joe Bauer.

No quorum; therefore official votes were not taken.

Report from the June 24 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

617 North Elm Street – First Presbyterian Church signage – continued.

900 Carolina Street – Removal of garage & trees, new carport and additions – cont'd

105 East Bessemer Avenue – Replace windows (after-the-fact) – approved with conditions (replace vinyl windows on a two year schedule)

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for July 27:

617 North Elm Street – First Presbyterian Church signage – Ed Cox described revisions to the plan, including deletion of several signs, and reduction in size or adjustment of placement of several signs. Mr. Cox was thanked for working with City staff, Design Review, and FPNA to address concerns stated at previous meetings. There were no new concerns so FPNA will support the application as modified.

900 Carolina Street - Remove trees, move garage, house additions – Mary Beach described revisions to the plan after consultation with Design Review and the State Historic Preservation Office. Five new trees will be planted, plus three trees recently planted, to replace six trees to be removed. The garage will be retained and moved slightly toward the rear of the lot. The screen porch on the south wing (Hendrix Street side) will be retained and the new addition will be to the rear of the porch. For new paving, concrete with slate aggregate will be used. There was a question about an existing tree near the end of a wall to be constructed along the north property line; contractor will shorten wall length to protect that tree. There were no new concerns so FPNA will support the application as modified.

215 North Park Drive – Door replacement (after-the-fact) – Greg Grieve said that the old door, which was in very poor condition, has been replaced with a new wood door custom made to replicate the old door (except that the new door has double glazed window panes as required by Code). He thought the door replacement was part of his existing COA so did not apply for approval prior to replacing the door. There were no objections to the application.

Treasurer's Report: No expenses over the last month. There is \$ 3,255.00 in the bank, \$14,500.00 in money market account. John talked with banker at Wachovia and we are receiving a slightly better interest rate on the money market account for 90 days (it will revert to the then current rate after 90 days). Rob Pope will coordinate the luminaria this year and he is investigating other companies for the paper bags because there were some complaints last year about the thin paper tearing easily.

Committee Reports:

Events: Open for suggestions for events. National Night Out, Halloween party and luminaria night coming up. Suggestion made for an event after NeighborWoods.

Neighborhood Watch: National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday Aug 4 at 7 PM with Hawaiian Ice in the east park near the playground. Sonya and Rachel will be out of town. Ann, Connie, and Lutie to set up. Make sure police and fire come down into the park. Not sure what equipment they will bring.

Park Committee: FPNA has been approved for the 2009 NeighborWoods program, with plantings on Saturday Nov 7. Park workday scheduled for Sept 19. Park plantings as approved last year are scheduled for October 10.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Greg will update inventory of repairs needed to decorative street signposts around the park, including updated cost estimates. Since we did not receive the grant that was requested for this project, we will need to discuss whether to use FPNA funds currently available (in the bank) or seek another funding source – to be discussed at a future meeting.

Other Business:

Downtown Design Manual & Overlay District – It appears that Planning Department staff will support most of our request that the area north of Smith Street and Battleground Avenue be put in the Urban Residential category rather than Pedestrian Mixed Use. Several developers and downtown property owners are objecting to the entire concept. The Planning Department is receiving additional comments and will schedule another public meeting in August for an update.

Downtown Greenway – There will be a public meeting in September to review preliminary plans for the phase along Murrow Blvd and Fisher Avenue.

No further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary