

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, August 24, 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, David Craft, Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usry, Sally Atwood, Nicole Crews, Gene Rogers, Sherry Rogowski. Absent were Greg Grieve and Geoff Wall. Guests were Liz Bucar and Sid Stern.

John reported that Greg Grieve will be teaching a night class for the next few months and may miss some Board meetings, and Geoff Wall has submitted his resignation due to other commitments. Gene Rogers will be living in Israel for the first six months of next year and will need to resign effective the end of this year.

**Report from the July 29 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:**

**617 North Elm Street** – First Presbyterian Church signage – approved with conditions  
**900 Carolina Street** – Remove trees, move garage, new addition – approved w/ cond's  
**215 North Park Drive** – Front door replacement after the fact – approved

**Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for August 26:**

**303 Victoria Street** – Construct accessory building – The Board voted to support the application as submitted.

**4 Magnolia Court** – Remove accessory building – Rick reported that this garage is a contributing structure in the National Register of Historic Places listing for Fisher Park ID# 157A, Section 7, page 28. Building dated 1914, approximately same age as house. The Board voted to oppose the application. It was noted that Architectural Salvage has a grant program for restoration, up to \$10,000 (must be a restoration, not remodel or addition, and must follow the Secretary of Interior standards).

On the HPC, one of the commissioners is appointed from each Historic District. Mike Stout is the current appointee from Fisher Park and his term will soon expire. Ann Bowers is interested in serving. She is very knowledgeable in preservation and has been on the HPC before. The Board voted to recommend Ann Bowers as the next representative for the Fisher Park Historic District.

No corrections to July meeting notes.

**Treasurers Report:** Rob will look into new bag supplier for Luminaria, because there were complaints last year about the thin paper. Recent expenses were \$236 for printing

Fisher Parker, \$225 for National Night Out, and \$33 for copies for NeighborWoods. Total expenses this year were \$2,889 and a total of \$420 income, \$300 from donations, and \$120 from T-shirt sales. The grant requested for repair and restoration of the decorative street sign posts around the park was not approved (City Council deleted funding this year) so this was removed from budget.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Communications:** (Ann Stringfield) Fisher Parker given out to greeters for new residents. City council representatives receive paper copy, email copy to county commissioner for this district, police chief and police representative, HPC members, newsletter editor and presidents of other neighborhoods, and neighborhood congress for total of 850 copies. Next issue deadline will be October 15 and goes out at the end of October.

**Events:** October 31 is the Halloween party for the kids. One person volunteered to have open house on Simpson Street for Luminaria night. Need new northeast greeter. NeighborWoods tree planting on November 7; Greensboro Beautiful will provide breakfast. Annual meeting on November 15. Luminaria kit building is December 7.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Great turn out for National Night Out and we had a great time. Police, fire, EMS mingled. Police gave Segway demonstrations. Crime stats have been going down recently.

**Park Committee:** NeighborWoods will be November 7. There are 12 trees of different sizes for people to choose from for their front yards. Street captains will be giving out flags for neighbors to place where they want their tree planted and release forms will need to be signed. Homeowners will need to know where their lines are located. The city will locate lines to the street. September and October have work days assigned. An extra work day last month and cleared overgrowth in an area along Fisher Park Circle. Park Committee has approved a planting plant in the west park across from the Douglas-Ravenel house (Fisher Park Circle, brick house with columns); to be funded with contribution from Stephen Dull. Need final approval from the city. Remaining previously approved plantings will be done in several phases this winter.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** John reported that Greg is working on getting quotes for repairs and restoration of the decorative street sign posts around the park.

### **Other Business:**

**Fishers** – Doug Jones, owner of Fishers Grille, is asking for Fisher Park support for a parking variance for a restaurant on the corner of Fisher Avenue and North Elm Street (former location of Red Mikes).

**City Council District 3 Candidates Forum** – Set for Monday Sept 28 in College Hill and we have been asked to cosponsor. This is on the night of our regular meeting, so

we will meet on Tuesday Sept 29 after approval from church for meeting space. As a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, FPNA cannot endorse a candidate - but we can sponsor a nonpartisan forum where all candidates are invited.

**Recruiting 2010 Board Nominees for Nov. 15 Annual Meeting** – There was discussion about amending the Bylaws to reduce the number of Board members to twelve and encourage neighbors to participate in committees as a way to become involved and to recruit future Board members. This will be discussed further.

**Holleman House (701 N. Greene Street) Status Update** – First Presbyterian Church session voted in August to proceed with demolition. FPNA and Preservation Greensboro are working to help save the house. We would like to have a discussion with the church regarding alternatives.

**Downtown Design manual and Overlay District** – There are some developers and downtown property owners complaining about the proposed overlay and design guidelines. A public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 25.

No further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lutie Graham, Secretary