

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by president, John McLendon. Board members present were Lutie Graham, John McLendon, David Craft, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usry, Gene Rogers, and Sherry Rogowski. Absent were Rachel Cannon-Percival, Rick Luebke, Robert Pope, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sally Atwood, and Nicole Crews. We did not have a quorum.

Guests present were Ann Stringfield, Matthew Butwinski, and Anchan Sachin.

**Report from the August 26 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:**

**303 Victoria Street** – Construct accessory building – approved

**4 Magnolia Court** – Remove accessory building – approved, but HPC discouraged demolition and placed a number of conditions, including a 365 day delay.

**601 N. Church Street** – Reported at HPC meeting that City Attorney is to initiate legal proceedings about the windows. The building inspections department has levied fines and the owner still has not complied.

**Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for September 30:**

**304 Isabel Street** – Install satellite dish on roof. HPC could ask for a letter from the satellite provider stating this was only location dish could be placed for signal. We may want to put something in the Fisher Parker relating to satellite dish installation, to let neighbors know that approval is required if visible from the street.

**220 West Fisher Avenue** – Construct wood deck at back of house – Construction was started without approval. City issued a stop work order. Deck should be screened from street. Matthew Butwinski is builder and said the owners are planning to landscape.

**910 Magnolia Street** – Demolish accessory structure – Shed is falling down. City has condemned and ordered the owner to repair or demolish. Owner has not complied, so City will have the shed demolished and put lien on property for the cost of demolition.

**215 North Park Drive** – Construct brick retaining wall along driveway – Appears to meet guidelines.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Communications:** Next Fisher Parker articles due October 15.

**Events:** Halloween Party Saturday, October 31 at 5 PM. Parade starts at Fisher Park Circle and Carolina Street.

**Neighborhood Watch:** There was a recent front door break-in. Beware and get involved. Areas with active Neighborhood Watch are not targeted as often.

**Park Committee:** NeighborWoods flags are out. City is checking the locations. One hundred trees will be planted in front yards or within street rights of way, 30 in the park, and 20 in the cemetery. Park locations have been approved by Parks & Rec and the City's Urban Forester. Planting day is November 7. We need more volunteers. September workday clean up along Fisher Park Circle. October 10 more clean up. There will be two new water lines installed in the west park. Parks Department has found someone to repair stone bridges. The graffiti/tagging along North Elm Street has been reported and will be reported again. Sally is talking with Parks Dept about planting some ferns along stream in East Park.

Carl Myatt wants to apply for a Greensboro Beautiful grant to plant Willow Oaks in the grass strip on the north side of Parkway Street. Carl says that the adjacent owners support the proposal and will water the trees. The Board approved this in concept. Carl will prepare the application and provide additional information.

## **Other Business:**

**Parking Variance for 600 North Elm Street** – John reported that the City Board of Adjustment granted a variance to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 15 to 4 for a restaurant. The property owner, Doug Jones, presented information regarding on-street parking within walking distance and that some neighborhood residents will walk to the restaurant.

**Holleman House (701 N. Greene Street) Status Update** – There was discussion and a consensus that FPNA should again offer to assist with fundraising if the church will save the historic house, and specifically to propose a collaborative approach with FPNA to provide \$5,000 from funds currently in FPNA bank account to start the fundraising.

**PGI/Partners for Sacred Places – Community Design Project** – Workshop to sponsored by Preservation Greensboro and Partners for Sacred Places, to be held on Friday November 6.

No further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lutie Graham, Secretary