

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday, October 26, 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, Sonya Lowe, and Sally Atwood. Absent were Robert Pope, David Craft, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Connie Usry, Nicole Crews, Gene Rogers, and Sherry Rogowski. Quorum not present. One guest present was Ann Stringfield.

**Report from the September 30 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:**

**304 Isabel Street** – Installation of satellite dish – approved (HPC determined that homeowner had taken appropriate steps to request location not visible from street, and installer determined that only a front roof location would receive an adequate signal).

**220 West Fisher Avenue** – Construction of wood deck at back of house – approved with conditions for landscaping.

**910 Magnolia Street** – Demolition of accessory structure – approved. This is the dilapidated shed that was subject of a petition for determination of demolition by neglect. The house is on the same course with the City Inspections Department and Minimum Housing Standards Commission, which is not good.

**215 North Park Drive** – Construction of brick retaining wall along driveway – approved.

**HPC agenda items for October 28:** No COA applications this month.

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications:** Next Fisher Parker due for delivery at end of October. Planning to add different articles, including tips from “This Old House.” For a future issue we may want to include information about when a satellite dish needs a COA from the City.

**Events:** Halloween parade to start at 5:00, with pizza after at the Temple. Annual meeting snack list sign up passed out. Annual meeting is in Broome Hall at Holy Trinity on November 15. Ann will present a virtual Cemetery tour. Luminaria open house hosts are Elizabeth Knight and Jim Brady on Florence at Simpson and Allison and Matt Manning on West Bessemer. Several neighborhood artists will have a “studio stroll” on the afternoon of Luminaria day. Jane Jackson is the new greeter for the northeast area.

**Streets and Sidewalks:** Several weeks ago Lutie asked Zack Methany and neighbors to meet at Magnolia Court to discuss concerns regarding cut-through traffic on Leftwich and Magnolia streets. The problem is that northbound traffic on Church Street uses Leftwich and Magnolia to reach westbound Fisher to Elm or Battleground. Zack and

John McLendon asked GDOT to address these concerns. GDOT says that a 25 MPH speed limit can be posted on Leftwich and Magnolia if 75% of the residents sign a petition. We do not feel that a 25 MPH speed limit will be effective so we will hold the petition for now. We may want to ask GDOT whether the speed limit can be reduced to 20 MPH on narrow neighborhood streets. It is hoped that the Downtown Greenway will reduce speeds on Fisher Avenue, and GDOT is looking into the possibility of allowing northbound traffic on Church Street to turn left at Smith and then merge onto Fisher westbound so as to reduce the cut-through traffic on Leftwich and Magnolia.

**Park Committee:** NeighborWoods is Saturday morning November 7, meeting at 8:30 AM in East Park near Elm Street for sign-in, breakfast, and tree planting demonstration. We have 165 volunteers signed up; half are from Fisher Park. May have up to 250. Each volunteer will receive a special hat at sign-in. 16 trees will be planted in each side of the park. We need volunteers to water new trees in the park. City has installed two new water spigots in West Park. Three work days scheduled for landscape plantings: December 5 in East Park, January 9 in West Park near Elm Street, and January 30 in West Park across from Douglas/Ravenel house. We need more work day participation. Without Delancey Street the work would not get done. Discussion held to take Delancey Street out to dinner, maybe in February. Carl Myatt has applied for a Greensboro Beautiful grant to plant Willow Oaks on north side of Parkway Street next year.

#### **Other Business:**

**2010 Board** – Election to be held at Annual Meeting on November 15. Consider amending Bylaws to reduce the size of the board from 15 to 12, which would mean four open positions each year. There was a consensus to reduce to 12 and the amendment can be voted at the November Board meeting.

**Downtown Area Consolidated Plan** – Public meeting scheduled for October 27. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to attend.

**Holleman House (701 N. Greene Street) Status Update** – John McLendon, Robert Kantlehner and Jerry Leimenstoll are involved in ongoing discussions with First Presbyterian Church, to encourage consideration of the collaborative fundraising proposal of FPNA. Preservation Greensboro is also involved.

**PGI/Partners for Sacred Places** – Community Design Project workshop scheduled for Friday afternoon November 6 at Holy Trinity.

No further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lutie Graham, Secretary