

FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Monday January 25, 2010

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by president, John McLendon. Board members present were John McLendon (ex officio), Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usry, Sally Atwood, Sherry Rogowski, Sarah Jordan, Robert Kantlehner, Judy Morton, and Angie Smits. Absent were David Craft, Greg Grieve, and Nicole Crews. Guests were Julie Davenport and Brian Hinkle from College Hill, Wes Rankin, Ann Stringfield, and Lutie Graham.

Report from Save College Hill about the Newman-Whitman Machine Company. Edwards Group out of Ohio has an option on the 11-acre property and is planning dormitory-style student housing for approximately 725 students. The neighborhood is opposing the project as planned. They want the City Council to oppose this type of development in this area. There are other alternatives (art community, restaurant, Wafco Mill type development, light commercial, etc.) that would be better suited for this historic neighborhood near UNCG.

Wes Rankin described plans to buy the house at 923 N. Eugene St. (Mike Cowhig's old house). They are closing in about 3 weeks. The only exterior improvements planned at this are gutters, chimney repairs, and water proofing the foundation. Because there were some neighborhood concerns with previous work on the house, Wes wanted to let the Board know about his plans and see if there were any questions.

Copies of the Historic District Program Manual were distributed to new board members.

**Report from the December 9 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:**  
No COA applications.

**Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for January 27:**

**910 Magnolia St. – Demolition of House.** Last fall the City of Greensboro Minimum Housing Standards Commission ordered demolition of the shed, but demolition has not yet been done. The house is on the same track. The house is in okay condition but needs repairs. Present owner apparently is not willing to repair or sell. Attempts to contact him will continue. We do not support demolition but understand that the HPC can only delay demolition. We will ask them to delay for the maximum 365 days.

**312 Isabel St. – Construction of a garage.** Design Review went out to make some recommendations. The owner presented two designs. The Board voted to support the application in concept but request that they provide additional information or have conditions for compliance with guideline 2, 3 & 5 on 36 regarding the size and scale to make sure that it is not too big, save more of the backyard, does not impact the tree, use compatible material, and landscaping guidelines if they need to remove the tree.

**Minutes:** A summary of the November meeting was approved.

**Treasurers Report:** A proposed budget for 2010 was distributed and Board members were asked to review it for the next meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications** – Ann Stringfield described the process for the Fisher Parker newsletter, which is distributed four times a year. Any volunteer(s) to assist with production will be welcomed. She tries to schedule the distribution before planned neighborhood events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Sonya Lowe will continue as chair. Crime is down generally according to recent statistics, but car breaks are up all over the city. An email will be sent to reserve the Hawaiian Ice guy for National Night Out.

**Events** – Nicole Crews will chair with Rachel Cannon-Percival continuing to coordinate the children events as that network is in place.

**Streets and Sidewalks** – Sarah Jordan volunteered to chair. Greg Grieve will assist.

**Park and Neighborwoods** – Sally Atwood and Carl Myatt to co-chair. New plantings in the east and west park this past year, all done with donations. Thirty-six new trees from NeighborWoods. Planting across from the Douglas-Ravenel house will be done in the next two weeks. Focus for this year will be maintenance. Greensboro Parks & Rec Dept to work on bridge repairs. Two Mimosa trees in west park, one at Carolina St. growing into the Magnolia and Dogwood trees and the other in front of the Digby house that need to be removed. Volunteers needed to water new plantings.

**2010 Board Officers:** John McLendon is willing to stay on as president a few more months, if someone will volunteer to be vice president (aka president-elect). Angie Smits elected as treasurer and Sherry Rogowski as secretary.

**Holleman House (701 N. Greene Street) Status Update:** The historic house on the corner was demolished, even after FPNA and several individual neighbors offered very substantial monetary contributions and other assistance. The church decided to keep the vacant lot for future use, rather than rehabilitate the house or sell the property.

**Community Design Project:** Follow up meeting this week. Further discussion is needed regarding the existing FPNA endowment, and consideration of a municipal service district like the Aycock and College Hill Historic Districts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lutie Graham