

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Monday March 29, 2010

President John McLendon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Haywood Duke room at Holy Trinity Church. Board members presents were John McLendon (ex officio), David Craft, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usry, Sally Atwood, Nicole Crews, Sarah Jordan, Robert Kantlehner, and Judy Morton. Absent were Sherry Rogowski and Angie Smits. Guests present were Julie Davenport, Mike Stout, and Ann Stringfield.

Report from February 24 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Robert Kantlener reported on the two COA applications considered for the Fisher Park Historic District.

- 312 Isabel Street – construction of a garage. The HPC approved this application with conditions that the driveway extension be coordinated to the existing driveway, a green planting area be maintained between the house and driveway, a new canopy tree of at least 2” caliper be planted, the roof and shingle color of the garage match the house, the dormer window be divided into to parts, a cut sheet be approved by staff, the siding be either wood or smooth hardy plank or another composite material approved by staff, appropriate trim be installed around doors and windows, and the front main door be compatible material with staff approval.
- 900 Carolina Street – changes to approved plan to add a garden pavilion on south side of house instead of the previously approved addition on that side. The HPC approved this application as submitted.

Agenda Items for March 31 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. There are no COA applications from Fisher Park on the HPC agenda this month.

Update on College Hill Rezoning. Julie Davenport reported that the appeal has been continued and will now be heard by the City Council on April 6. The College Hill neighborhood association opposes the proposed rezoning for a student housing development and is asking residents of other neighborhoods to express opposition.

Update on Downtown Greenway Plan for Fisher Avenue. John McLendon reported that GDOT is holding an open house public meeting on March 30 to present the recommended concept for Phase 2 of the greenway along Murrow Blvd and Fisher Ave. John reminded the Board that he serves on the greenway committee and is co-chair of the technical subcommittee. The recommended concept includes refinements based on input from the first public meeting last fall and further work by the engineers. John encourages neighborhood residents to attend the open house and comment on the plan.

Election of Vice President for 2010. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board elected Robert Kantlehner as Vice President (aka President-Elect). John expressed his appreciation for Robert’s willingness to serve in this capacity.

Updated Depository Authorization with Wachovia Bank. John presented a new Depository Authorization and Agreement Certificate on the bank form for each of the two FPNA accounts (checking and money market) and a new Signature Card on the bank form. These forms authorize the current officers to sign checks. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the new Depository Authorization and Agreement Certificates and Signature Card were approved.

Committee Reports. Brief reports were given from the Communications (Ann Stringfield), Events (Nicole Crews), Neighborhood Watch (Sonya Lowe), and Park and Neighborwoods (Sally Atwood) committees. The Board authorized the Events Committee to proceed with planning for a potluck and music event on Saturday June 5 at Temple Emanuel, with total expenses of up to \$700 in accordance with the 2010 Budget.

First Presbyterian Church North Elm Street Parking Lot. Concerns were expressed again about the unfinished condition of the lot where the house was removed several years ago, and specifically that the lot is being used for parking without a COA. John McLendon reported that he has talked with Mike Cowhig, as requested by the Board and other neighborhood residents. The Design Review Committee of the Historic District Program has a meeting with representatives of the church next week to look at plans for a proposed new columbarium adjacent to the church sanctuary, and Mike plans to discuss the parking lot situation with them at that time. John also said that he has communicated several times with the chair of the church property committee and the neighborhood liaison from the church, and those communications have offered assistance from FPNA in reviewing any proposal or plan from the church for finishing the lot in accordance with the Historic District guidelines. Robert Kantlehner and John plan to attend the meeting next week, and will give a report on this at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:
John McLendon