

## **Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.**

### **Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday April 26, 2010

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

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

John introduced John Whisnant to the Board. He is the First Presbyterian liaison to the FPNA Board.

#### **Report from March 31 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting:**

- List of minor work COAs issued year to date – John distributed a list of minor work COAs issued year to date. This was handed out at the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.
- Discussion of Historic District Issues and opportunities – City manager is proposing to merge the housing and community development and planning department.
- Historic District Manual - The Commission is working on ideas to make sure people get a copy of this manual. Also, there is discussion about historic district guidelines and a process for updating.
- John encouraged the Board members to attend one of these meetings. They take place the Wednesday after the FPNA board meeting at 4:00.

#### **Minutes of January 25, February 22, and March 29 Board Meeting:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of all three meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Angie Smits, treasurer, reported that a down payment has been made on the band for the June neighborhood event. Angie reported that we have a little under \$20,000 in the bank and approximately \$25,000 in the endowment fund with the Community Foundation. John suggested that the Board needs to discuss the endowment and plans for the future. John suggested that we begin this discussion at a future meeting.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Communications – Green Hill Cemetery tour on May 9<sup>th</sup>; Fisher Park newsletter submission date is May 28<sup>th</sup> will be delivered June 12<sup>th</sup>; Seek a grant from building stronger neighborhoods to have a meeting for all three historic district neighborhoods board to have one day forum to learn more about the historic district process – Benjamin Briggs, Mike Cowhig, architectural salvage of Greensboro – October 2010 but may be Spring 2011. Move to authorize \$100.00 for summit, seconded and unanimously approved. Ann reported on the Mary Lee Copeland archives. Ann will ask for grants to employ a UNCG library science and archive student to put this together. Nicole indicted that she had oral history tapes that she is transcribing. Nicole suggested putting some of the snippets on the FPNA website.

- **Events** – June 5<sup>th</sup> FPNA event begins at 4:30; Have booked band; Nicole will put together a flier to hand out to neighbors; have contacted the other historic districts but have not heard anything about financial contribution to date. Nicole will keep trying. Nicole suggested that we have this event in other neighborhoods and that the place is rotated each year. Nicole indicated that she has volunteers for flowers and tablecloths. Need help setting up tables at 4:00; Need big containers for ice water and need ice; will ask First Pres. and/or Holy Trinity if there are containers that can be borrowed. This event is well within the budget;
  - ✓ National Night Out will be next big event
  - ✓ Neighborhood Watch – no report
- **Park and NeighborWoods** – lost an Elm Tree, will be replaced in the fall; all planters in the East and West park have been adopted; sun and shade plants – portulacca and begonias for the shade. Motion from the committee to spend up to \$350.00 for dirt and plants for pots – unanimously approved; Next Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> is planting day; Great work day.
- **Street and Sidewalks** – John reported that this committee is getting re-energized and that Sarah Jordan is working on this; speeding has been an issue.

#### Other Items:

- Request for GDOT to reduce speed limits on through streets – John McLendon indicated the need to talk to churches and businesses to get support for this request; John Whisnant indicated that First Presbyterian and First School will probably be in support; Nicole indicated that some businesses will also support; Downtown Greenway will probably help because the road on Fisher will be narrowed but this is 3-5 years down the road; landscaping will have a calming effect; John McLendon asked if we should pursue this and members indicated that this is a worthwhile thing to pursue. John McLendon will work on next steps;
- First Presbyterian Church – North Elm parking lot; Robert reported that the church is not in compliance with the gravel area where the house was on the lot; had some discussions with Mike Cowhig and others and not an easy fix; City sent a letter to First Pres by letter and no response to date; will be sent to zoning enforcement if there is no response; Mike has heard from several neighbors about the condition of the parking lot and have been trying to encourage a meeting of the minds but this has been challenging; church representatives need to get together with Mike; cars are parking where they are not allowed to park; if zoning gets involved then will not allowed to park in that area; John Whisnant indicated that the church is planning landscaping to protect the trees;
- John indicated that it would be good for Board members to attend the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress. The next meeting is Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at Central Library.

#### Minutes prepared by:

Sherry Rogowski, Secretary