

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Monday May 24, 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), Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, Connie Usury, Sally Atwood, Nicole Crews, Robert Kantlehner and Judy Morton. Absent were David Craft, Sherry Rogowski, Sarah Jordan, and Angie Smits. Also present were Ann Stringfield for the communications committee, John Whisnant as liaison from First Presbyterian, and Dabney Sanders for the Downtown Greenway.

Greenway: Dabney Sanders showed and discussed the proposed plan for Phase 2 of the greenway along Murrow Boulevard and Fisher Avenue. Concerns of the Board included:

1. Will granite curbs be required for the Historic District?
2. What type of street lights will be used in the area of Fisher Park?
3. Is the plan for asphalt to replace the existing concrete sidewalks?
4. Where will parking be allowed for the houses and businesses in the area?
5. Will the power lines be buried?

April 28 HPC Meeting Report: No report from the Historic Preservation Committee was provided since no new COA's were discussed.

May 26 HPC Agenda:

First Presbyterian Columbarium. John Whisnant described the proposal from the church and rolled out the plans. Concerns of the Board included:

1. Where will the staging area for the construction site be located?
2. The arborist from the church said the construction should not be within 25' of the base of the Magnolias, but the plans show a 20' diameter. What is the reason for the discrepancy?

The Board voted to support the application with recommended conditions for a minimum 25' tree protection area and, if an existing tree dies within 5 years the church should plant a new magnolia or other canopy tree with a minimum 3" caliper.

Other items. John McLendon requested that Board members attend the HPC meeting at 4 PM on Wednesday. In addition to the columbarium application, the HPC will hear a presentation from GDOT on issues related to the historic districts.

Fisher Park Endowment: Judy Morton discussed the history of the endowment fund established with the Community Foundation, and John Whisnant discussed how the monies can be used. The Neighborhood Association can withdraw approximately 4.5% of the fund balance each year for use. This amount is intended to enable use of income but prevent invading the principal. John McLendon encouraged Board members to volunteer for a committee to review the purpose of the endowment and to make recommendations for how the neighborhood might use the annual income in the future. Sally Atwood, Robert Kantlehner, Sonja Lowe, and Judy Morton volunteered for the committee.

Communications Committee: Ann Stringfield reported on a historic walking tour planned by Preservation Greensboro on Wednesday May 26 starting at 6:30 at First Presbyterian Church. She also pointed out that all calendar events are on the Fisher Park website. National Night Out is Aug 3rd.

Events Committee: Nicole Crews reported that College Hill and Aycock listserves were included in the invitation for the Hootenanny. She also reported the Temple was paid, rain call will be made by 3 PM, setup at 4 PM, and volunteers will be needed for cleanup.

Park Committee: The committee voted to request a COA to remove a mulberry in the park in the new planting area near Fisher Park Circle because that mulberry is overshadowing newly planted redbud trees. The Board voted to approve and authorize the park committee to submit the request. June 26th will be another workday in the West Park. The September Park Committee meeting will be moved to the 12th. All planters are adopted and should be planted now and watered through the summer. Mike Cusimano has not yet approved a tree location for the entrance to Fisher Park at Bessemer and Parkway.

Streets and Sidewalks: John reported that the reduction of speed limit request is ready for submittal to GDOT.

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