

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday August 23, 2010 – 6:30 PM
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Haywood Duke Room

1. Welcome and Introductions. Those present were John McLendon (ex officio), David Craft, Sonya Lowe, Sally Atwood, Sherry Rogowski, Robert Kantlehner, and Judy Morton. Those absent were Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Connie Usry, Nicole Crews, Sarah Jordan, and Angie Smits. A quorum was not present so no official action could be taken. Guests present were Russ Clegg.
2. Minutes of July 26 FPNA Board Meeting – There were no corrections from those present.
3. Planning for November 21 Annual Meeting and Board Election – Meeting is Sunday November 21 at 4:00 in Broome Hall at Holy Trinity. John asked for ideas to encourage a good turnout. It was suggested that we invite the Chief of Police to speak at the meeting, and it was mentioned that Zack Metheny said he would extend the invitation. John said he would follow-up with Zack. John will also ask Nicole to coordinate the snacks and beverages. We will have four positions open for a full three year term and one position for a vacancy with one year remaining. John and Robert are working on recruiting nominees for the Board, and asked current Board members for suggestions. John also recommended that when you talk with neighbors, if they say they do not want to be on the Board then ask them to consider serving on a committee.
4. Treasurer's Report – No report at this meeting.
5. Committee Reports
 - Communications – Ann Stringfield reported that she has the signs for Fisher Park neighborhood events. Ann also has the Fisher Park t-shirts to sell. The next Fisher Parker will go out September 11th and 12th. There will be an article about saving money in the winter, report on comparisons of apartments and homes in the neighborhood, report from Rutgers on tax credits, a youth article, thank businesses in the neighborhood, something about stone repairs and those that watered the trees, thank you for the National Night Out event, Neighborhood Annual Meeting.
 - Events – reported that National Night Out went well. We will plan to use Doug again for the snow cones next year, as this is a popular event for the neighborhood.
 - Neighborhood Watch – things have been quiet so far this year. It was suggested that Sonya send out a reminder that there is a website that registers those that have committed a crime: www.watchdog.org
 - Park and NeighborWoods – Sally indicated that there are 50 people watering pots and trees. The stone and masonry repairs for the bridges will start this week. Sally will meet with City staff about herbicide to get more information and ask for advance notification. Work day to be scheduled for October, with date to be announced.
 - Streets and Sidewalks – John reported that in response to our request for reductions in speed limits on through streets, GDOT reduced the limit to 25 on Greene Street and will reduce to 30 on

Church Street, but refused to reduce the limit on Elm, Fisher and Smith. John also will ask these follow up questions?

- Is there anything else that can be done to enforce the current speed limits?
- Is there anything else can be done to make drivers more aware of pedestrian crossings?
- Could the City implement an effort in general to educate the drivers that they are required to yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks?

John reported on efforts to get assistance from the City for repairs to decorative street signs around the park. The City now maintains standard street signs but not “special” signs. Mike Cowhig is working with GDOT to explore possibilities. John indicated that if the City will get an estimate and handle the bidding and oversight, then we could work on raising funds for the repairs. The Neighborhood Small Projects program is a possible source for grant funding, and the program has been restarted this year with each Council district to be allocated \$20,000.00. There will be a meeting next week to let people know how to apply for the grants.

6. Discussion of Neighborhood and Historic District Boundaries – The Historic District is smaller than the Fisher Park Neighborhood boundaries. There is also the National Registry Historic District and those boundaries vary slightly from the local Historic District. The local Historic District is where the City design guidelines and COA requirements apply. The National Register Historic District is relevant for certain tax credits.
7. Update on Downtown Design Overlay and Guidelines – John reported that after several years of work by the City of Greensboro Planning Department, Downtown Greensboro Inc., Action Greensboro, and committees of property owners and developers, a final proposed overlay district and guidelines will be presented on September 7 for City Council approval. After much discussion the consensus of our Board members present was that FPNA should continue to support the overlay district boundaries as originally proposed (which includes several parcels on the north side of Fisher Avenue that are not in the Historic District), and as the Board previously voted to support.
8. Agenda Item for July 28 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
 - 706 Magnolia Street – demolish old shed; add new shed, brick walkways & patio – Russ Clegg described proposed work on his and Angie’s house. There were no objections to this application.
9. Other Items
 - City Manager Neighborhood Walk – to be rescheduled to September 20th
 - Fisher Park Endowment at the Community Foundation of Greensboro – Robert will schedule a discussion of purposes/possibilities with Board members who previously volunteered for this ad hoc committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:
Sherry Rogowski, Secretary