

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday September 27, 2010 – 6:30 PM
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Haywood Duke Room

1. Welcome and Introductions. Those present were John McLendon (ex officio), David Craft, Jane Jackson, Connie Usry, Sally Atwood, Sherry Rogowski, Sarah Jordan, Robert Kantlehner, and Judy Morton. Those absent were Greg Grieve, Sonya Lowe, Nicole Crews, and Angie Smits.
2. Report from August 25 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
 - 706 Magnolia Street – demolish old shed; add new shed, walkways & patio – approved
3. Agenda Items for Sept 29 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
 - No COA applications for Fisher Park this month
 - Aycock Middle School – placement of modular classrooms. It was suggested that we express support for the Aycock Neighborhood and encourage the School Administration to work with the neighborhood in the context of the Historic District guidelines, but the Board voted to take no position at this time as we did not have enough information available.
4. Other Historic District Items
 - BSN Grant Application for Historic District Neighborhoods Board Forum – prepared by Ann Stringfield and to be submitted jointly by the three Historic District neighborhood associations. The Board voted to approve submittal of the grant application.
 - 910 Magnolia Street – Preservation Greensboro Development Fund has an option to buy the house and is working through some issues with the estate of the former owner.
 - First Presbyterian lot on North Elm Street – the church cleared vegetation along the rear of the property and is working on a landscape plan, including repairs to the granite retaining wall.
5. Minutes of August 23 FPNA Board Meeting – will have these at the next meeting.
6. Planning for Annual Meeting and Board Election – Sunday November 21 at 4:00 PM in Broome Hall at Holy Trinity; Our new Police Chief will be the speaker. Robert and John are working on recruiting for the Board election and have nominees for most of the positions.
7. Treasurer's Report & Luminaria Update – Rob Pope will coordinate the luminaria again. The cost is this year will be approximately \$1088.00, which includes the kits and copying the order forms. The Board decided to keep the same price as recent years for the kits. The event will be Sunday December 12th with the rain date of December 19th.
8. Committee Reports.
 - Communications – Fisher Parker went out, thank you to Block Captains; Ann is starting to work on ideas to update the website; need to set dates for events next year so Ann can publish in the newsletter; next Friends of the Greenhill Cemetery tour is at 2:00 on Sunday October 31st; submission deadline for next Fisher Parker is October 29 with distribution on November 12th.
 - Events – Annual meeting, Luminaria.

- Neighborhood Watch – several recent break-ins; a person going to doors late at night and asking for money; think about specific questions we may want to ask the Police Chief at the Annual Meeting, and may want to e-mail questions to him before the meeting.
- Park and NeighborWoods – Met with Parks and Recreation Department to about spraying. We are hopeful that in the future the City will provide advance notification when spraying is planned so this can be posted on the listserve.
- Streets and Sidewalks – GDOT refused to reduce the speed limit on North Elm Street, Fisher Avenue, and Smith Street, because these streets are classified as major thoroughfares. GDOT will install a centerline yield to pedestrian sign at the North Park crossing of Elm Street.

9. Other Items for Discussion

- Report on City Manager Neighborhood Walk (held on Sept 20) – lots of city staff and great effort by all involved; went very well; John will send a follow up thank you.
- Report on City Council adoption of Downtown Design Overlay – City Council adopted the overlay; but at the request of First Presbyterian Church and two other property owners, all of the parcels on the north side of Fisher Avenue were excluded. Other than those few owners, there was strong support from property owners , developers, and downtown organizations.
- Downtown Economic Development Strategy public presentation – tomorrow at 5:30 in the Civil Rights Museum. John encouraged Board members to attend.
- Historic District, DDO, and Neighborhood maps – need for updating official neighborhood map due to some variations in the boundaries shown on existing maps. John will contact City staff with request to create an updated map. The Board voted to approve this request.
- Fisher Park Endowment at CFGG – purposes/possibilities meeting to be scheduled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:
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