

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday April 25th, 2011 – 6:30 PM

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Haywood Duke Room

Attending: Sally Atwood, Nicole Crews, Cate Wineburg, Sherry Rogowski, Robert Kantlehner, Judy Morton, Angie Smits, Anne Marsh, Daintry Obrien, Don Smith.

Absent: Elizabeth Knight, Sara Jordan

Guests: Ann Stringfield, John McLendon, Dabney Sanders, James Smoot, Susan Lindsay

1. Welcome and Introductions (2 Minutes), Attendance
Robert read a tidbit regarding why historic districts are important.
2. Reports from February 2011 (5 minutes)
 - a. HPC Minutes (emailed before meeting)
3. John McLendon – Greenway Update
 - a. John reported on Preservation Greensboro of which he is a current board member. He encouraged all to join PGI at \$25.00 per year. John also reported on the tour of homes in Aycock and Fisher Park neighborhoods.
 - b. John reported on the downtown Greenway and introduced Dabney Sanders who works for Action Greensboro and who is the project manager for the Greenway. First phase of Greenway has been open for little more than a year and is about ¼ of a mile. The next phase will begin being constructed in a few weeks. Action Greensboro is actively working on the design of the other phases of the Greenway. Update on section of Fisher, to Smith Street and to railroad tracks. Both Dabney and John updated the group with a map of the proposed Greenway.
3. Agenda Items for March Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
To review applications:
<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/hcd/boards/HPC/042711.htm>
(note: Click on April 27th 2011 HPC in the left side of the page for COA's)
 - b. 704 Magnolia Street (James Smothers) Replacement of fence and removal of diseased trees. Three sections of the fence have been blown over by the wind. There is a row of cedar trees and many of them are dead or unhealthy. The yard backs up to an apartment complex. The owner would like to replace the damaged fence which was 7 feet, 8 inches with a 7 foot fence. Since the guidelines indicate a 6 foot fence only, approval is needed by the commission. Would also like to replace the trees with camellias. The city arborist was scheduled to go out to look at the trees but the owner has not heard back from the arborist. There was some discussion by the FPNA regarding the types of plantings that should be used to replace the dead and dying cedars. It was stated that the two end cedars may be healthy.

Move to suggest that the two lives cedar trees be kept pending the judgment of the city arborist. Unanimous.

Move to replace the fencing with a 7 foot fence. Unanimous.

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- c. 600 North Church Street (Susan Lindsay) Add fencing in the rear of the property. Would like to add fencing to the property that will be used as a day care. Picket fence along street and would like for it to be 48 instead of 42 so children cannot climb over. Chain-link fence across the back of the property. Request to do picket fence on either side because it is visible from the street. Playground with natural playground and gardening program.

Move to accept the plan with the stipulation that the corners that are visible from the street be picket fence also and that the height of the fence meet the child safety standards of 48 inches. Unanimous.

5. Treasurer's Report (2 minutes) – no money has been spent this month. Money was donated to replace the trees that fell in the storm. Checking \$4216.00; \$14,511.34 in money market account.
6. Committee Reports (2 minute each)
 - Communications - June 22nd next deadline for Fisher Parker.
 - Events (Nicole) – June 4th Historic District “hootenanny.” Have secured the space from Temple Emmanuel. The fee has been upped to \$100.00 instead of \$50.00 that we have paid in the past. Have a lot of things left over from other events so will not have to spend money on this. Approved spending of \$100.00 to rent the space from Temple Emmanuel. Nicole indicated that maybe there could be an opening band prior to the name band. The board indicated that Nicole is empowered to make the final decision on the band or bands. Nicole will send out a link for Board members to listen to the music of the bands that are being considered.
 - Neighborhood Watch – no report
 - Park Committee (5 Minutes) – Sally reported that April 30th is the next park work day. All come and meet at the concrete animals at 8:30. Sally reported on the planned park spraying for weeds. Sally has facilitated a meeting between those neighbors that are concerned about the spraying and City Parks and recreation. Parks and recreation indicated that they would alert the neighborhood when spraying will be done. It was agreed that there would be research on what other options are available for killing / controlling weeds. Robert and Sally will go and meet with the neighbors who have concerns about the current spraying.

Sally reported on the stone wall at North Elm and Fisher Park that may be a potential new wall. Details will be discussed later.

 - Streets and Sidewalks – Carl Myatt will look to have built and replaced the brackets that hold up the Fisher Park signs that have been damaged.

7. One minute Forum – Ann Stringfield – see above for “Why Historic Districts are Important”

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

June 4th Three Historic District Social
Park Work Day June 25th
National Night Out Social Aug 2nd
Park Work Day October 15th
Halloween Parade and Party October 15th.

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