

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2012 6:30pm

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Attending board members: Robert Kantlehner, Sarah Jordan, Elizabeth Knight, Judy Morton, Angie Smits and Laura Way. Communications Chairperson Ann Stringfield. Park Committee CoChairperson Sally Atwood.

President Robert Kantlehner read this month's Historic Preservation One Minute Forum.

Certificate of Appropriateness requests for the April Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

- 705 Magnolia Street – Construction of driveway, continued from March. Applicant Aaron Randall. The Historic Preservation Commission asked for dimensions of the proposed parking area and asked if a driveway could be constructed beside the house. The application will be continued to May. No recommendation was made by the board.
- 719 North Church Street – Replacement of windows and doors through the City of Greensboro Lead Safe Housing Program. Applicants Elizabeth Benton (owner) and Andy Clark (East LLC). The Historic District guidelines do not address lead at all. This house is 60 years old but not a contributing structure. Lead Safe Housing is a federal program that provides funds to the city to remediate buildings with lead-based paints. There is a subcommittee of the Historic Preservation Commission studying the implications of this program for the historic districts. The following motion was made and seconded: That the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association board recommend granting the certificate of appropriateness since the house is a noncontributing structure deemed to be hazardous by the Lead Safe Housing Program. The motion passed unanimously.
- 1009 North Eugene Street – Screening of the side porch. Applicant Jason Voss. After discussion the board voted to recommend granting the certificate because the proposed screening looks appropriate and is easily reversible at a later date.

Treasurer's Report – The Neighborhood Association has a checking account balance of \$4,246 and \$14,561 in savings. \$700 has been budgeted for the June 2 Hootenanny. There was a request that interest-bearing accounts be investigated and that we determine the amount of interest the Fisher Park Endowment has been earning at the Community Foundation.

Committee reports:

- Communications – Ann Stringfield – Ann has secured an \$800 Building Stronger Neighborhoods grant to hire a student archivist to help get the neighborhood’s history documents in order. The records will be called the Mary Lee Copeland Archives.
- Events – Elizabeth Knight reported that the committee is beginning work on the June 2 Hootenanny, lining up vendors such as Fisher’s and Iron Hen Café to provide food booths. There will be more games for kids this year than last year. It was decided to invite the tenants of the Greenway at Fisher Park to the Hootenanny and, if they are interested, add them to the neighborhood list-serve.
- Park Committee – Sally Atwood reported that a group worked to clean up Fisher Park on April 21 for the Great American Cleanup. The last park workday featured training on invasive plant species, and 30 people attended. Brooks Mullane of the City was very impressed with the turn-out and has stated she will seek a three-year grant to treat Fisher Park for invasive plants. The Park Committee has advised the Parks & Rec department that we will not object to their spraying policy for the park.
- Streets and sidewalks – Sarah Jordan had no report. There was discussion of Todd McCane’s request to discuss with GDOT allowing people going north on Church Street to turn left onto Wendover Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.