

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting

June 25, 2012 6:30pm

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Attending board members: Robert Kantlehner, Sarah Jordan, Elizabeth Knight, Judy Morton, Don Smith, Angie Smits and Laura Way. Communications Chairperson Ann Stringfield, Park Co-Chairpersons Sally Atwood and Carl Myatt.

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

There were no Certificate of Appropriateness requests from Fisher Park for the June Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Delancey Street purchase of the Digby house – Robert summarized the facts gathered to date about a possible purchase by Delancey Street of 100 Fisher Park Circle, the home of Don and Marty Digby. Delancey Street (DS), which was originally classified by the City as a Group Care Facility has recently been reclassified as an Educational Facility. They would like to grow and they propose, if they purchase the Digby house, to add approximately 15 DS residents on the second and third floors and use the first floor for meeting space. The Digby house is currently zoned RM-12 (residential multi-family), but for DS to use it for their program the house would have to be rezoned Office. In addition DS would have to add a handicap ramp and fire escape on the exterior of the house. DS has stated that if they don't purchase the house they would potentially move out of Fisher Park.

There was discussion. Most people who spoke prefaced their remarks with praise for the goals of the Delancey Street program and for the active participation in the neighborhood by their residents. Most people who spoke emphasized that their objection to the possible sale was not so much the expansion of DS as the rezoning of the first house with an address on the park to Office, which they felt would eventually diminish the residential character around the park. There was discussion of preservation easements.

No one from Delancey Street was present at the meeting, and the point was made that in fairness to DS, there should be another neighborhood meeting where they can present their case for the purchase. There was a suggestion that the Digbys be invited as well. It was agreed that Robert will find a date for that meeting as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report – The Neighborhood Association has received the grant payment to pay the archivist who is organizing the FPNA Archives currently stored at Architectural Salvage of Greensboro, sorting through neighborhood association documents. The Hootenanny has been paid for.

Committee reports:

- Communications – Ann Stringfield – The May Fisher Parker has been distributed.
- Events – Elizabeth Knight reported that the next event is the National Night Out on August 7. There was discussion about refreshments for the event.
- Park Committee – Sally Atwood reported that the recent park work day was quite successful.
- Streets and sidewalks – Sarah Jordan had no report.

Addition of New Board member – Raymond Large, a graduate of the Elon University School of Law who practices at Hicks, McDonald & Noecker in Greensboro, lives in Magnolia Place condominiums across from First Presbyterian Church. Raymond was nominated and unanimously elected to fill a two-year term on the board. In addition, Adeline Talbot was nominated and unanimously elected to the board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Morton, July 5, 2012