

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 24, 2012, 6:30pm  
MINUTES

**Attending board members:** Robert Kantlehner, Raymond Large, Judy Morton, Angie Smits, Don Smith, Elizabeth Knight, Adeline Talbot and Ashley Meredith. Communications Chairperson Ann Stringfield.

**Guests:** Sherry Dickstein, Kurt Lauenstein, Andrew Spainhour, Dabney Sanders, John McLendon, Ted Partrick, Diana Tate and Tammy Roberts.

**Certificates of Appropriateness:**

- 1) 807 Magnolia Street, Dickstein/Lauenstein residence – install solar panels on roof.  
There was discussion of solar panels, with particular concern about whether or not they can be seen from the street. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to support this application.
- 2) 701 Simpson Street, Tate residence – enclose back porch, screen in side porch and add balustrade; add portico at front entrance.  
From a 1940's photo Diana Tate has a record of the original portico over the front porch, which she plans to reproduce. The long side porch on Florence Street will be screened inside the support columns, minimizing the appearance of the screening. The small back porch facing Florence will be enclosed. She could purchase the additional columns needed for the two new porches from Architectural Salvage of Greensboro and reuse existing doors. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to support this application **with the exception that the existing columns remain and the screens be built around them.**
- 3) West Fisher Avenue, construction of Downtown Greenway through Fisher Park Historic District. Dabney Sanders, John McLendon and Ted Partrick explained the timeline and configuration of the greenway sections on Murrow Blvd. and Fisher Ave. When the trail is close to the street, as it will be here, it will be surfaced with concrete rather than asphalt. The trail will be 12' wide and the City will work to maintain a neighborhood appearance. Murrow Blvd. and Fisher Ave. will be reduced to two traffic lanes with one lane for parked cars, which will make both street safer and more pedestrian friendly. This part of the greenway project will be started in 2013 and complete in 2014. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to support this application.
- 4) 903 N. Eugene Street, Spainhour residence – install backflow preventer required for irrigation system. In order to add a sprinkler system in his front yard, Andrew Spainhour is required to install an above-ground backflow preventer. He will conceal this machinery in a 7' X 7' bed of shrubbery at his front walk, with a matching bed on the other side of the walk. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to support this application.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Kantlehner reported that the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association is current on financial reporting to the IRS.

Report on Community Foundation subcommittee – Robert reported that the subcommittee to study our endowment at the Community Foundation met with Walker Sanders on September 17 and was advised not to reduce endowment principal (approximately \$28,273) except in serious emergencies. The interest (approximately \$1,000 per year), however, will be distributed in October and can be used as the neighborhood wishes; in the past we have left it to compound and help increase the endowment.

The subcommittee recommends that we develop a 5-year plan for growth of the endowment, using small neighborhood projects funded by endowment interest to create awareness and demonstrate visible ways the endowment can benefit the neighborhood. Perhaps we could require neighborhood donations to match the endowment funds being used. At the August 27 neighborhood association board meeting there was discussion of how to solicit the neighborhood's ideas for small capital projects.

It was moved and seconded that the board form a committee to develop a 5-year strategic plan to increase the endowment. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports:

- Communications – Ann Stringfield – Sixty additional issues of this month's Fisher Parker may need to be printed. Ann reminded the board of the City's community project grants (up to \$20,000 per City Council district per year). The project must be a capital item on City property, and the application has to be made by the end of November. Grants are most successful when they demonstrate support from neighbors and a benefit beyond the neighborhood.
- Park Committee – The October 27 park work day (starting at 9:30am) will also offer a picnic (pulled pork sandwiches, slaw, drinks and dessert) for the volunteers. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to allow up to \$250 to be spent on the picnic.
- Events – Robert is working on engaging a speaker for the Annual Meeting from the Historical Museum. The meeting will be held November 18 in Broome Hall. At Holy Trinity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.