

**Fisher Park Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2008**

President John McLendon called the monthly meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members present were Sally Atwood, Rachel Cannon-Percival, David Craft, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, Rick Luebke, John McLendon, Wanda Myatt, Robert Pope, Dick Rhyne, Steve Rubin, Vicky Vanstory Saunders and Connie Usry. Board member absent was Lutie Graham. Also present were guests Ann Stringfield, Dabney Sanders, Rick Horne of First Presbyterian Church, Bill Hancock of 99 Blocks, Sid Stern of 4 Magnolia Court, and Bob Hodges who is a contractor working on the house at 923 North Eugene Street.

Downtown Greenway – Dabney Sanders, who works with Action Greensboro and is a neighborhood resident, described the status and showed a route map for the planned greenway, which will run along the east side of Murrow Boulevard and the north side of Fisher Avenue to Greene Street, then connect on existing streets, sidewalks, and trails through Fisher Park to the Latham Park Greenway at Cridland Road near the tennis courts. John McLendon is co-chair of the Action Greensboro steering committee for the Downtown Greenway. An informational meeting for the neighborhood will be held on March 4 at First Presbyterian Church.

Minutes from January 28 Board Meeting – The minutes were approved as submitted.

Report from January 30 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

- (a) 817 N. Elm Street – parking, light, basement windows (approved w/ conditions)
- (b) 4 Magnolia Court – enclose screened porch at rear of house (continued to Feb.)
- (c) 701 North Greene Street – demolish house (approved with 365 day delay)
- (d) 210 Leftwich Street – replace porch railing (approved with conditions)

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for January 30:

(1) 4 Magnolia Court – enclose screened porch at rear of house (after the fact). Owner Sid Stern described the work done to enclose the existing screen porch, that he plans to meet with the HPC Design Review Committee in order to seek recommendations regarding the widows and possibly other details, and that he will request a continuance until the March meeting. The Board voted to support the request for a continuance.

(2) 923 North Eugene Street – changes to approved plan for addition (after the fact). Contractor Bob Hodges described history of the project and that work is nearing completion. The Board asked several questions and discussion then focused on appearance from the street, including the new concrete driveway that replaced existing brick pavers. Mr. Hodges offered to cut a center strip out of the driveway and replace with grass to reduce the visual impact and leave a more traditional look of concrete tracks. The Board voted to support the application with request for a condition as proposed by Mr. Hodges for the driveway.

(3) 110 Fisher Park Circle – trellis frame (arbor) at rear of driveway for growing vines. Owner Dick Rhyne described his application to reuse a metal pipe frame from a temporary garage as a trellis to grow vines and create a partial vegetative buffer from the commercial building located behind his property on North Elm Street. The Board voted to

support the application with request for a condition that the vines be cultivated and maintained on the trellis.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Pope presented an updated budget for 2008. Committee chairs and other Board members were asked to review the budget and send any comments or recommended revisions to Rob. A suggestion was made to consider accepting advertising for the Fisher Parker newsletter in order to defray expenses and after discussion there was a consensus that we should not accept advertising at this time.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee – Rachel Cannon-Percival briefly reviewed the calendar of upcoming social events, including the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday March 15 in the east park playground area. The residents of the Delancey Street house are again planning this event for neighborhood children and families.

Bicentennial Events – Vicky Vanstory Saunders briefly reviewed the schedule of events including the Torch Relay beginning on March 25, which will end that first day in front of First Presbyterian Church. Vicky recommended that we cancel the neighborhood potluck supper that was tentatively scheduled for April 26 because of various city requirements for holding such an event in the park. Vicky also proposed for neighborhood spirit and as a fundraiser T-shirts with an image of the stone bridge and appropriate neighborhood wording. A subcommittee will develop a proposal for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Park Committee – David Craft reported that the 16 new planters for park entrances have been ordered and should be received in the next several weeks. Our first park workday of the year is scheduled for Saturday April 5 and will coordinate with similar efforts around the city on that day as part of the “Great American Cleanup.”

Streets and Sidewalks Committee – Greg Grieve reported that the utility contractor installing new waterlines has replaced several sections of the exposed aggregate gutters around the park with plain concrete. Carl Myatt has contacted several City departments and asked that the Board request follow-up by the Historic Preservation Commission because changes like this would require HPC approval. The Board agreed to request HPC follow-up.

Neighborhood Watch – Sonya Lowe reported that we had a good turnout at the Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 31 and that a follow-up meeting will be scheduled later in the spring. Sonya also reported that we will have shaved ice again with some new flavors this year for National Night Out Against Crime on August 5 in the east park.

Other Business: John McLendon described an update from Historic Preservation Commission staff that the City inspections department is being more proactive in following up on CoA violations and failure of property owners to obtain a CoA when required. Neighborhood residents are encouraged to contact city staff with questions or concerns.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John McLendon (from notes taken by David Craft)