

**Fisher Park Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2008**

President John McLendon called the monthly meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Board members present were Sally Atwood, Rachel Cannon-Percival, David Craft, Lutie Graham, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, Rick Luebke, John McLendon, Wanda Myatt, Robert Pope, Dick Rhyne, Steve Rubin, Vicky Vanstory Saunders and Connie Usry. Also present were guests Ann Stringfield, Rick Horne of First Presbyterian Church, and Bill Hancock of 99 Blocks.

Minutes for the November 26, 2007, Board meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Robert Pope presented a 2007 FPNA income statement and budget comparisons, including a preliminary budget for 2008 (copy to be filed with these minutes). Board members were asked to send Robert any comments or recommendations for 2008 and that budget will be reviewed again at the February 25 meeting. Vicky mentioned that a Fisher Park calendar could be considered for fund raising.

Committee Reports:

Streets and Sidewalks Committee – John described a proposal to expand the scope of the Traffic Committee to include the entire public right of way of streets and sidewalks in the neighborhood. The committee would inventory, receive input, and propose actions regarding traffic concerns, pedestrian crossings, sidewalks needing repairs, street signs and other signs, and street trees. The Board approved a name change from “Traffic Committee” to “Streets and Sidewalks Committee.” John recommended Greg Grieve as chair of the committee and the Board approved this appointment. Anyone who is interested in serving should contact Greg.

Street Sign Toppers – John reported that the application is ready to be submitted to the City of Greensboro Department of Transportation for installation of 20 “Fisher Park Neighborhood” street sign toppers, mostly around the neighborhood perimeter and three signs on Elm Street, at a cost of \$75 each or \$1,500 total. The City requires approval by the Board in order to proceed and John presented a resolution for this purpose (copy to be filed with these minutes). Upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was unanimously approved.

Neighborhood Watch – Board members expressed appreciation to Sonya Lowe for the outstanding job she is doing with coordinating the program in Fisher Park and in helping to facilitate communications with the Greensboro Police Department. Sonya reported that a Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled with several police representatives on January 31 at 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Park Committee – David Craft presented an update from the Park Committee, including some recommendations for 2008 (copy to be filed with these minutes). On behalf of the committee David requested approval for 16 new planters for annuals to be placed on park paths and at park entrances at a purchase price of \$40 each or \$640 total (see map for locations), plus approximately \$200 for planting materials for the pots and another \$360 for new trees and/or shrubs when the drought conditions improve. The Board approved the planting pots and a total budget allocation of \$1,200 for the park for 2008.

Social Committee and Greeters – Rachel reported that we now have four active greeters, one for each quadrant, and an updated greeter package. For homes within the Historic District the package includes a copy of the City of Greensboro Historic District Program Manual and Design Guidelines. Rachel asked Board members and others to let her or one of the greeters know when someone moves in so that all new neighbors can be greeted. Rachel also presented an updated calendar of events for 2008 (copy to be filed with these minutes).

Bicentennial Events – Vicky presented an updated calendar of events to be held in the neighborhood or designated for neighborhood participation (copy to be filed with these minutes).

Report from November 28 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

1. 817 N Elm – various (portions approved with conditions, continued, and denied).
2. 204 Isabel Street – tree removal (approved with conditions).
3. 707 Simpson Street – addition to house (approved with conditions).
4. 210 Leftwich Street – porch railing (denied).
5. 909 N Elm Street – repairs to side porch (approved with conditions).

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for January 30:

1. 817 N Elm Street – parking, light on utility pole, replace basement windows. The Board voted to support this application with request for a condition that the proposed utility light near the rear property line should be of a type and installed in a manner that minimizes light encroachment onto the neighboring property to the rear.

2. 4 Magnolia Court – enclose screened porch at rear of house (after the fact). There was discussion regarding whether the siding material is wood and suggestions that muntins be added to the new windows for similar appearance to original windows in house. It was reported that the HPC might continue this application to next month. The Board took no action.

3. 701 N Greene Street – demolish Holleman House. Rick Horne reported that the Church will give the house to anyone who would agree to move it to another site, but demolition will be considered if the house is not moved. Under state law and local ordinance the HPC cannot deny an application for demolition, but they can impose a 365-day delay. The Board voted to oppose the application and to request a 365-day delay.

4. 210 Leftwich Street – replace porch railing (after the fact). The Board voted to support this application to replacement the new porch railing with one similar to house next door.

Other Business: It was reported that the City Inspections Department might take action regarding two situations – the unfinished and/or unapproved work on the house at 923 North Eugene Street, and failure of the owner to replace unapproved new windows in the house at 601 North Church Street. John McLendon and David Craft will meet on the 31st with a new discussion group that First Presbyterian Church has formed to work on improving communications between the church and neighborhood, and others are welcome to join them.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary