

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2008

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by president, John McLendon. Board members present were Sally Atwood, Rachel Cannon-Percival, David Craft, Lutie Graham, Jane Jackson, Rick Luebke, John McLendon, Wanda Myatt, Robert Pope, Dick Rhyne, Steve Rubin, and Vicky Vanstory Saunders. Board members absent were Greg Grieve, Sonya Lowe, and Connie Usry. Guests present were Ann Stringfield, Paul Ingold (contractor) and Buzzy Wyland (new owner of 204 W. Bessemer Ave).

Minutes from the June 23 Board Meeting were approved.

Report from June 25 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

- (a) 4 Magnolia Ct – Enclose screened porch rear of house - Approved w/ conditions
- (b) 910 Olive Street – Construct retaining wall along sidewalk – Continued
- (c) 106 Fisher Park Circle – Construct fence – Approved with conditions
- (d) 210 Isabel Street – Amend COA requiring new canopy trees – Withdrawn

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for July 28:

- (a) 910 Olive St – Construct retaining wall along sidewalk – FPNA Board voted to support application with recommended conditions that height be no more than three courses plus a capstone in same material, and mitered blocks with turn back at steps and driveway.
- (b) 610 Magnolia St – Repairs to front steps/walkway & retaining wall on Leftwich St side – To be continued at request of applicant.
- (c) 305 Victoria St – Alterations to rear of house – To be continued at request of applicant.
- (d) 1000 N. Eugene St – Remove trees, basement windows, and garage chimney – FPNA Board voted to support removal of one 24-inch oak tree in front and replace with an new 12-foot oak, support removal of ivy only on the other three trees, support removal of basement windows, support HVAC on NE corner of house, support wood picket fence, and object to removal of garage chimney
- (e) 204 W. Bessemer Ave (the house moved from 600 block of N. Elm St, now renovated and has a new owner) – Remove tree for addition to garage – FPNA Board voted to support tree removal after application for addition has been approved and building permit issued.
- (f) 817 N. Elm St – Replace asbestos roof shingles with asphalt shingles – FPNA Board voted to request continuance for additional information.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Pope presented an updated budget and report for review. Robert will coordinate the luminaries this year. Lutie and John will talk with Jeremy and Ashley Williams to ask if they will consider assisting.

Committee Reports:

Park Committee: David Craft will continue as Committee chair for at least remainder of this year. The committee is studying the existing Master Plan prepared by Chip Calloway, and reviewing a proposed Park Management Policy as part of upcoming renewal of our Adopt-A-Park agreement with the City. The next committee meeting will be held August 7 at 7:00 PM at Craft Insurance (823 N. Elm St). A Board/Committee park walk is scheduled for August 18 at 7:00 PM, meet at the Fisher Monument.

Streets & Sidewalks: No report.

Greeters and Social Committee: Picnic in the Park is set for September 28 at 5 PM. Idea for a square dance on Isabel St was mentioned. Looking for volunteers for open houses during luminaries. Information regarding historic rehab tax incentives is being included in new resident packets for greeters.

Neighborhood Watch: National Night Out is set for August 5 at 7 PM in the East Park; Hawaiian attire is encouraged. Keep calling police to report any problems or suspicious activities in the neighborhood.

Other Business:

Preservation Greensboro is concerned about possible demolition of the Holloman House at the corner of North Greene St and West Fisher Ave. The PGI Development Committee (formerly the Revolving Fund) is discussing ideas for encouraging First Presbyterian Church to preserve and restore this important historic structure.

A possible Board retreat was discussed again to focus on structure and operation of the association and committees, our priorities as a neighborhood, etc. It was suggested that we could meet in September or October on a Saturday morning. John and Vicky will discuss possibilities and report back at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary