

**Fisher Park Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 26, 2007**

President John McLendon called the monthly meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Board approved the minutes for the October 29 Board meeting and the November 18 annual meeting of the Association.

The following officers were appointed for 2008:

President – John McLendon
Vice-President – Vicky Vanstory Saunders
Secretary – Lutie Graham
Treasurer – Robert Pope

Committee Reports:

Park Committee – David Craft described several possible Eagle Scout projects and reported that additional details will be presented at a future meeting. David also reported that he has investigated pricing for additional planting pots for park entrances and he will bring a specific proposal to the next Board meeting.

Social Committee – Rachel Cannon-Percival discussed the schedule of Bicentennial events.

Street Sign Toppers – John reported that the City Council has approved this program citywide with Fisher Park being the first neighborhood and with the first phase to include toppers at fourteen intersections, mostly around the perimeter of the neighborhood. Mary Lane-Smith and Marty Digby have put much effort and time into working with the city on this program. There was discussion about asking the City to install more toppers than currently proposed for the first phase. John will talk with Mary and contact the City to determine what is possible, and he will report back at the January Board meeting.

The October 31 HPC meeting was canceled. The applications for 318 West Bessemer Avenue (second floor addition to side of house above portichere) and 905 Magnolia Street (shed in back yard) were handled at staff level.

Board of Adjustments hearing – John McLendon reported that this afternoon the City of Greensboro Board of Adjustments upheld the Historic Preservation Commission denial of the application by First Presbyterian Church to remove a 23” Willow Oak as part of the plan for expanding the parking lot on North Elm Street.

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for November 28:

817 North Elm Street (Howard Apartments) – window replacement and other items. There was no new information available for this application and the Board did not change its position from

the last meeting (objected to application as submitted and recommended asking that the application be continued for further discussions between the owner, city staff and Duke Power regarding location of the electric service, and further review of the proposed window replacement).

204 Isabel Street – tree removal. Kathy Simmons described her application to remove a Magnolia tree from beside her front porch due to structural and safety issues (close proximity to house foundation). The Board voted to recommend approval, with request for condition that a replacement tree be planted in an appropriate location.

707 Simpson Street – construction of addition to house. Phil Wilson described and showed his plan to build an addition on the rear of his home. The Board voted to recommend approval with request for conditions that materials be selected in accordance with Historic District Design Guidelines and in consultation with City staff.

201 Leftwich Street – replacement of deteriorated porch railing (after-the-fact application). The Board voted to oppose this application because the new railing does not comply with Historic District Design Guidelines. The Board recommends that the owner meet with the Historic District Program Design Review Committee to determine an appropriate design.

909 North Elm Street – repairs to side porch. The Board voted to support this application with request for condition that the porch details be restored to original condition.

Other Business: Wanda Myatt resigned as chair of the Traffic Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Poole
Secretary