

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2008

President John McLendon called the monthly meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Board members present were Sally Atwood, Lutie Graham, Greg Grieve, Jane Jackson, Sonya Lowe, John McLendon, Wanda Myatt, Robert Pope, Dick Rhyne, Vicky Vanstory Saunders, and Connie Usry. Board members absent were Rachel Cannon-Percival, David Craft, and Steve Rubin. Our guest was Carl Myatt.

Minutes from the September 22 Board Meeting were approved with changes made in the Neighborhood Watch report to include getting date, time of day, and license plate number if you see speeding on Eugene (going and coming from the area of the fuel station on Battleground and Fisher), call Sonya Lowe.

Report from September 24 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

- 305 Victoria Street – Alterations to rear elevation of house (approved)
- 108 Fisher Park Circle – Removal of pine tree in front yard (approved with conditions)
- 204 W. Bessemer – Addition to carport and enclose side porch (approved w/ conditions)

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for October 29:

- 817 North Elm Street – Change in color of approved roofing shingle – Board voted to take no position on this application.
- 1115 Virginia Street – Replace wood shingle siding with new wood shingles – Board voted to support this application as submitted.
- 910 Magnolia Street – Petition requesting determination of demolition by neglect – Board voted to support this petition and the efforts of the neighbors near this property to seek necessary repairs to prevent further deterioration (8 voted yes, 2 no, 1 abstention).

Treasurer's Report: Updated budget was presented for review with additional donations and expenditures noted.

Park Committee:

- After months of discussion and many drafts, the Park Committee unanimously recommended approval of the most recent draft of the Landscape Management Policy and Procedures. City staff in the Parks & Recreation Department approved the draft. John commended David and committee members for their diligent work. Rick then requested that the document be revised to change “should” to “shall” in approximately twenty places. John felt that this would change the tenor of the document and was not comfortable making changes at this point without further review by the committee. The document was tabled for further review.
- Upon recommendation of the Park Committee, the Board approved the 2008-2009 Fall-Winter planting plan dated 10/27/2008 and visual depictions of the planting locations.

- Upon recommendation of the Park Committee, the Board approved plant selections shown on the planting plan for this fall and winter, and the expenditure of up to \$1500 in FPNA funds as they are received and designated for the park planting project.
- Upon recommendation of the Park Committee, the Board approved use of any contributions designated for plantings in front of First Presbyterian Church to be used only for the purchase of plants for that area.
- Upon recommendation of the Park Committee, the Board authorized the Park Committee to apply for a Greensboro Beautiful grant of up to \$1000 for the purchase of plants specified in the approved planting plan.

NeighborWoods: Sally Atwood briefly described this grant program sponsored by the City and Greensboro Beautiful. The Aycok neighborhood received the grant for this year and on November 8 they will plant approximately 130 new trees. The Board was favorably inclined to support an application for Fisher Park. The application form for 2009 will be published in December and applications will be due the first of May. Sally will gather additional information and report back to the Board when the 2009 application form is available.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Greg Grieve presented a proposed application to the Neighborhood Small Projects Grant Program sponsored by the City. The application is for \$3,350 for repair and restoration of the decorative street signposts (including replacement of broken or missing brackets) around the park. The Board approved this application and authorized the committee to proceed.

Social Committee: The Halloween Party was a success. Luminaria order forms will be going out with the newsletter. Kits will be assembled on Wednesday December 10 at Robert Pope's house and block captains will deliver by Saturday December 13. The display will be Sunday December 14 beginning at dusk (rain date will be December 21). Jewel Day Spa and a neighbor on North Park Drive will have open houses for neighbors. A sign up sheet was passed around for Board members to bring snacks for the Annual Meeting on November 16.

Neighborhood Watch: Overall it appears that crime is down in this area. Some reported crimes did not show up on the report. Remember that crime usually rises during the holidays. The Police Department CRO has asked why Fisher Park does not have signage posting City rules in the park. Due to some concerns regarding the standard metal sign that the Parks & Recreation Department uses, a request has been made that City staff look for examples from other historic neighborhoods and parks. Mike Cowhig has posted a request for examples on a national listserve for historic parks.

Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held November 16 at 4:00 pm at Holy Trinity. Committee reports will be made and five new directors will be elected. Wanda Myatt, Dick Rhyne, and Steve Rubin have served a full three-year term and are not eligible to be nominated. Sally Atwood and Vicky Vanstory Saunders were elected to fill vacancies and are eligible for nomination for a full three-year term. Sally is willing to be nominated and Vicky declined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary