

**Fisher Park Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

September 24, 2007

Vice President John McLendon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Haywood Duke Room at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Board members present were Rachel Cannon-Percival, David Craft, Rick Luebke, John McLendon, Wanda Myatt, Robert Pope, Vicky Vanstory Saunders, and Ann Stringfield. Board members absent were Catherine Feeney, Lutie Graham, Jim Jeffries, Cheryl Poole, Dick Rhyne, and Steve Rubin. Guests present were Rick Horne of First Presbyterian Church, Christina Michaels of the publication 99 Blocks, and neighborhood resident Todd McCain.

**Election of Officers to Fill Vacancies.** Since David Shub recently moved out of town, we have a vacancy in the office of President. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board elected John McLendon to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the year. This left a vacancy in the office of Vice President. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board elected Vicky Vanstory Saunders as Vice President to fill that vacancy for the remainder of this year.

**Committee Reports.**

Park Committee. David Craft reviewed the plan for park work days on Saturdays September 29 and November 10. The September work will be in the west park in front of First Presbyterian Church. David Horne will bring coffee and snacks from the church. The November work will be in the east park.

Social Committee. Rachel Percival reported that we had a good turnout for the fall picnic in the west park yesterday afternoon (Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>), and she reviewed the calendar of upcoming events, including the Dog Showoff on Saturday October 20 and the Halloween Parade and party for children and families on Sunday October 27. Rachel also reported on opportunities to participate in Greensboro Bicentennial celebration events next spring, including a torch relay. A motion was made, seconded and approved to nominate Vicky Saunders as a torchbearer. Other ideas for the participation in the Bicentennial will be discussed at upcoming Board meetings.

**Annual Meeting.** Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 18 at 4:00 PM in Broome Hall at Holy Trinity. We will have five open positions on the Board for a three-year term through 2010, and one vacancy for a term through 2008. John McLendon reported that he has some nominations and several more are needed. At the meeting we will also present a Captain Fisher Award to the Delancey Street organization in recognition of substantial efforts that residents of the local house on North Elm Street have made for park workdays and other neighborhood events. Ann Stringfield is working on the award certificate, which will be framed, and Ann will coordinate the presentation.

**Luminaria.** Todd McCain, who has coordinated this program for several years, reported on plans for the annual luminaria display on the second Sunday in December (the 9<sup>th</sup>) with a rain date on the third Sunday. This is the primary fundraiser for the neighborhood association and

usually generates more than \$2,500 of net proceeds after expenses. Todd requested approval to order 3,750 kits (candle, cup, and white paper bag) at a total cost of approximately \$800. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize that expenditure. Ann Stringfield reported that order forms will be included in the November issue of the Fisher Parker. David Craft will look into getting some sand delivered to the east park playground. Ann mentioned that the Aycock neighborhood has their annual luminaria display on the same night.

**Report from August 29 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.** John McLendon reported on actions taken by the commission on Certificate of Appropriateness applications for properties in the Fisher Park neighborhood.

614-620 North Elm Street – First Presbyterian Church parking lot expansion. HPC denied approval because the church wants to remove 23” DBH Willow Oak near northeast corner of property. Historic District Guidelines require parking lot design to minimize effect upon the neighborhood environment and to incorporate existing large trees and shrubs into landscaping when possible. First Presbyterian has appealed the HPC denial to the Board of Adjustment and the appeal is calendared for the Board’s meeting on October 22.

905 Magnolia Street – construct concrete wall beside front walkway steps to match existing wall on other side, install light in new wall, and remove two small trees in back yard. HPC approved application with conditions that applicant work with staff to approve light design and for direction on tree removal (it appears that replacement of the trees may not be possible because they are under a power line – Duke Power had cut down the old trees and left stumps from which the now existing trees sprouted).

**COA Applications for September 26 HPC Meeting.** The Board reviewed information posted on the city website for two applications affecting the Fisher Park neighborhood.

Improvements of traffic signal controls at five intersections. The North Carolina and City of Greensboro Departments of Transportation will replace control boxes in order to maintain and upgrade traffic signal controls. A motion was made, seconded and approved to support this application with requested conditions that the metal boxes be painted a dark color and that where possible they use materials and equipment that are compatible with the historic character of the neighborhood.

318 West Bessemer Avenue. This is Todd McCain’s house and he proposes to construct a bathroom addition on the side above the portichere. There is an existing small bathroom in this location but it is not part of the original house. Todd showed sketches and described the plan, which will include moving diamond shaped windows from the side of the existing addition to the front of the new addition (these windows are the same or similar to other existing windows on the front of the house). A motion was made, seconded and approved to support this application.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary Cheryl Poole was not able to attend the meeting, so John McLendon prepared and Ann Stringfield reviewed these minutes.