

Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2008

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

Our guests were Zack Matheny (District 3 City Council representative), Brooks Mullane (Program Support Supervisor with Parks & Recreation Dept), Ann Stringfield, Carl Myatt, Cheryl Poole, Nicole Crews, Scott Bost, Ashley Meredith, Jeremy Williams, Paul Ingold and Beverly Wyland.

Zack Matheny attended the meeting to hear concerns and priorities of the Fisher Park neighborhood, and to let us know that he has an open door policy. He will work to make sure that our concerns are heard by City Council. He is aware of some specific concerns with Red Mike and traffic and will work to obtain resolution where possible.

Park Committee Report:

- John McLendon commented on the importance of the park to our entire neighborhood and he introduced Brooks Mullane.
- Brooks talked about how the Parks & Recreation Department works with neighborhoods and on discussions regarding the landscape management policy being prepared by our Park Committee in conjunction with the City. Brooks commented on the importance of controlling invasive plant species, adding new plantings to replace losses of desirable plants, and maintenance of park paths and creeks.
- David Craft presented recommendations from the Park Committee, which were approved as follows: (1) affirm and continue with the Restoration and Reforestation Plan (Master Plan) prepared by Chip Calloway as the concept plan for maintenance and new plantings in the park, with the understanding that specific proposals for future plantings and projects will be brought to the Board with Park Committee recommendations; (2) proceed with workday maintenance on September 27, November 8, and subsequent workdays (bold items on attached spread sheet); (3) move forward with Park Committee review of the draft plan for Fall-Winter 2008/09 plantings along North Elm St and in the center of East Park, with final planting plan to be recommended by the Committee for approval at the October 27 Board meeting; and (4) authorize expenditure of up to \$150 for purchase of pansies and ferns for the planters around the park.
- FPNA has recently received contributions totaling \$1,000.00 designated for new plantings. Further discussion will be needed regarding funding for full implementation of the proposed planting plan.

Minutes from the August 25 Board Meeting were approved.

Report from August 27 Historic Preservation Commission meeting:

- 817. N. Elm – Replace asbestos roof shingles with asphalt (approved w/ cond)
- 610 Magnolia – Repair front steps/walkway, retaining wall (approved w/ cond)
- 305 Victoria St – Alterations to rear of house (continued to September)
- 908 N. Eugene St – Construct brick retaining wall along sidewalk (approved)
- 215 N. Park Drive – Remove two trees (approved with conditions)

Historic Preservation Commission agenda items for September 24:

- 305 Victoria Street – Alterations to rear of house – Board voted to oppose application due to materials, and recommend owner meet with Design Review
- 108 Fisher Park Circle – Removal of pine tree in front yard – Board voted to support application with request for conditions to (1) plant replacement canopy tree in same location, (2) replacement tree to be at least 3” dbh; (3) replacement tree to be planted w/in six months; and (4) if replacement tree dies w/in five years it should be replanted
- 204 W. Bessemer Ave – Addition to carport and enclose side porch – Board voted to support application for addition to carport, and request continuance for enclosure of side porch for owner and contractor to consult with Design Review.

Treasurer's Report:

- Luminary budget approved for \$1000.00. Order to be placed for the same amount as last year (\$987.00 was spent).
- Received some money for Fisher Park t-shirts and two checks for sign toppers.

Other Committee Reports:

Streets and Sidewalks: Will prepare a grant application to repair, restore and repaint decorative street signposts around the park.

Greeters and Social Events: Picnic in the Park set for September 28 at 5 PM; Dog Show Off October 18 in East Park; and Halloween Parade & Party October 25.

Neighborhood Watch: See report attached. Comments on some criminal activity and what police are doing. If you see police speeding on Eugene (going and coming from the fuel station on Battleground and Fisher), call Sonya Lowe.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lutie Graham, Secretary