

## College Hill Neighborhood Association Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., July 29, 2013

Fellowship Hall, Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall St.

### **Community Watch Report – 6:30 p.m.**

Officer Joel Cranford, Division Commander for the Central Division, stated that Greensboro has seen as decrease in residential burglaries this year. The current challenge for the local police is working with teens and teen violence. The police department is not seeing any specific crime trends. The police are working to get repeat/multiple offenders off the street. An individual who drove a red Chevy S10 truck who had committed several break-ins in College Hill was recently chased by police by car and on foot and apprehended. This person is being held in jail and will not be able to be released without electronic monitoring.

College Hill Crossfit has secured parking through the Province, so they are now in compliance with ordinances. So long as they do not break sound ordinances, their case is closed.

Officer Cranford reminded residents to secure outdoor furniture and lock storage sheds. Do not leave items visible in cars. Residents are encouraged to record serial numbers of possessions so the police can track items if they are stolen. When you go on vacation, contact police and also encourage your neighbors to watch your home. Suspend mail delivery during vacations.

If College Hill has future events that bring a large number of cars into the area, we should let police know so they can step up patrols.

### **Monthly Meeting – 7 p.m.**

**Motion to Approval Minutes:** C. Sheppard motioned and D. Arneke seconded approval of the minutes from the June 2013 meeting as written. Approved on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no treasurer's report. Current BB&T bank account balance is For now, the \$1030.35.

### **UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS**

**House at 919 Spring Garden:** Following discussion, it was agreed that the CHNA does not want to see this prominent structure demolished. Lacking interested buyers, the group discussed using MSD funds to offset the current \$50,000 cost of the house. The association discussed the possibility of having the Redevelopment Commission also contribute funds toward this effort.

**Motion:** D. Arneke moved that the College Hill Neighborhood Association support augmenting the MSD Fund Charter to permit use of funds for the development of homes in College Hill, to support Council Persons Methany's and Vaughn's efforts to get the College Church to hold off demolition, and to support use of MSD funds to help purchase the home with the conditions of a preservation easement and covenant that the home remain in perpetuity as a single family home. Motion was seconded by V. Haskett and approved unanimously on a voice vote. Following approval of this motion, D. Arneke made a second motion.

**Motion:** D. Arneke motioned that the CHNA support the use of \$25,000 in MSD funds toward the purchase of the home at 919 Spring Garden St, and that the association work with Council Persons Methany and Vaughn to develop a procedural document to share with the church. The motion was seconded by V. Haskett and approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**Neighborhood Planning Meeting:** Jeff Sovich announced that the neighborhood planning meetings will need to be postponed. Jeff will contact the association in the future to determine a new date.

**Tree Inventory and Tree Management Plan:** It was determined that there is no conflict of interest in the contract recently approved; the tree inventory does not require residents to have trees trimmed. The association will need to help the City inform residents that workers will be coming onto private property to accomplish the inventory.

**Dog Waste Bag Station:** The doggy waste bag station has been installed and did not require a CoA. Thanks to D. Arneke and L. Pawlowski for installing the station. If any resident notices the station is out of bags, contact Lyddan Pawlowski or Clara Kelly because they have extra bags and keys for the station. The group agreed to purchase additional stations in the coming years.

**College Hill Lot:** The neighborhood decided to put plans for a community garden on hold because of concerns about dealing with the water bill. If the CHNA could sell the lot, that would be desirable

**Neighborhood Foreclosures:** Judy shared information obtained by Anne Stringfield of Fisher Park regarding how Fisher Park informs new residents and foreclosures of the Historic District guidelines. There is no legally required sharing of information. College Hill is doing much the same in terms of communications. The neighborhood may wish to revisit this issue during the planning process.

**National Night Out Potluck:** College Hill will hold a pot luck dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2 in observation of National Night Out, a police awareness event.

**Communications with Renters:** The project is delayed for the present time.

**Candidate Forum:** The primary will take place in early October. David Arneke has agreed to set up a candidate forum for the candidates running for our district and the at-large council positions. David will coordinate with the League of Women Voters and try to have the event in late September.

**Springdale Park Meeting:** A representative from the City Parks Department will meet with neighborhood representatives on July 30 to listen to our concerns regarding mulch, surveillance, lighting and tree trimming.

**Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):** The Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for 909 Morehead Ave is on hold.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fall Event in College Hill:** The group discussed possibilities for a fall event that would help improve the marketing and branding of College Hill. A fall festival could be designed to attract college students as well as residents. Possible location would be Mendenhall Street between Rankin and McGee streets. The event could include an historic car display and a chili cook-off. We might coordinate the event with the Westerwood Art Walk, which is a two-day, daytime event. It was agreed that we will vote on a concept at the August meeting.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall St. The Community Watch report will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary