

College Hill Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Community Watch and Monthly Meeting
6:30 and 7 p.m., Feb. 24, 2014
Fellowship Hall, Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall St.

Community Watch Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Officer Melanie Daniel reported that during January there was a larceny from an automobile at 103 S. Mendenhall St. The perpetrator broke the car window and snagged coins from the vehicle. Residents are reminded to lock their cars and avoid leaving any valuable within site. There was also a robbery of an individual at Greensboro College. Three males entered the victim's room and attached the individual and robbed him.

Monthly Meeting (7 p.m.)

Motion to Approval Minutes: The minutes from the January 2014 meeting were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No report. (No major changes in bank balances were anticipated.)

ELECTION

David Arneke conducted the annual election of officers for the College Hill Neighborhood Association board member. A slate of 11 candidates was announced. The candidates were: James Keith, president; David Arneke, vice president; Marjorie Bagley, treasurer; Judy Horn, secretary; Janet Frommann; Larry Horn; Amanda Keith; Jane Moore; Lyddan Pawlowski; Cindy Sheppard; and Terry Weaver. There were no nominations from the floor. The proposed slate was approved unanimously on a voice vote of all residents present at the meeting.

Meeting Times and Dates: The newly elected board determined that meeting times and dates will remain the same. Monthly board meetings take place at 7 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to the monthly Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall St., Greensboro. The Community Watch meeting will precede the monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Marketing Committee: David Arneke called a sidebar meeting of those interested in serving on the marketing committee to determine a first meeting date for the group. The group anticipates reporting back to the board starting with the March 2014 meeting. David also announced that he will write a proposal for the Building Better Neighborhood Grant for the next cycle (approximately April) with hopes that we would receive monies in the fall of 2014.

Tree Inventory: The project is still in progress.

AT&T Phone Box on Mendenhall Street: David Arneke reported that the HPC was able to successfully reach agreement with AT&T to relocate the large telephone box at 114 S. Mendenhall St., to a location around the corner on Market on property owned by Greensboro Boxwood Associates, Inc. Judy Horn reported that AT&T expects to complete the work by the end of July 2014.

Street Lights: At present, all standing street lights are working! In three locations, 1) near Wafco Mills Condominiums on McGee Street at Cedar, 2) on Mendenhall Street in front of the Church of the Covenant, and 3) on Fulton Street south of Spring Garden, across from the Province, light poles are down

and/or missing. In response to a question from the city for locations within College Hill that could use more street light, the following locations were suggested:

- At Tate Street and Rankin Place
- On Edgar Street
- In the area of the intersection of Mendenhall Street and Walker Avenue
- On Mendenhall Street near W. McGee Street
- Morehead Avenue near Cedar Street
- Within Springdale Park

James Keith and Joe Wheby agreed to ride around the neighborhood during an evening to identify dark spots that would benefit from more light.

Duke Energy has the responsibility to replace and repair street lights. James, along with Councilman Zach Methany and Kym Smith of the City, plan to meet with Duke Representative to resolve the long-running problem of replacing street lights with the proper poles and lights used throughout College Hill. Recognizing the difficulties ahead, James said his goal is to resolve the issue within a year.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Security: James Keith reported that he continues to meet with interested parties to investigate the use of security cameras within College Hill. All cameras would be positioned in the public right of way and would not be used to view private property. If possible the neighborhood will secure partnership with other entities, such as the Greensboro Police, the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, UNCG, and Greensboro College to benefit all parties and share costs. The poles where cameras are mounted will require an electric outlet, so we may also wish to partner with Duke Energy as well.

Historic Preservation Commission: Following a discussion of the two applications from the Greensboro College Reynolds Center and the house at 919 S. Spring Garden, the board agreed to support the applications. Since neither Virginia Haskett nor any other board members were able to attend the meeting, Judy Horn agreed to email the association's support to Mike Cowhig.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary