

# College Hill Neighborhood Association

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., May 22, 2014

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

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

Officer J. L. Clayton reported that there had been two recent break-ins in College Hill. Both involved thieves entering homes after the residents had gone out in the morning for a brief time. The perpetrator may have been watching homes to determine when they were empty. Computers were stolen at both homes. Officer Clayton urged all residents to **use deadbolt locks** whenever residents leave their homes, even for very short absences. Residents should contact police if they observe people loitering in the neighborhood in the early morning.

In addition, there was a larceny from a home on Mendenhall Street. A package that had been delivered and left at a residence was taken. The landlord had signed for the package and left it outdoors for the recipient.

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**Motion to Approve Minutes:** The minutes from the April 2014 meeting were approved on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marjorie Bagley reported (via email) that our bank balance is \$655.49

### UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

#### **Neighborhood Planning**

Jeff Sovich discussed highlights of findings included in the most recently updated draft of the College Hill Neighborhood Plan. He reminded everyone that the fourth and final Neighborhood Planning Summit will take place June 16 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Covenant on South Mendenhall Street. The city will mail out an informational postcard regarding the meeting. The top priority for the summit will be identifying top priorities for the strategies listed in the plan.

#### **Marketing Committee Report**

David Arneke reported that the draft of the Neighborhood Guide will be coming soon. He is checking on costs of printing the guide and also for College Hill flags. David has reached out to the other historic districts and is exchanging information with Ann Stringfield of Fisher Park.

Bill Moore has agreed to interview Ann Milam, current owner of Double Oaks in Westwood, and a former long-time resident in College Hill, to create an oral history. Ann and her late husband rehabbed three homes in College Hill -- 111, 213, and 438 S. Mendenhall St.

#### **Street Lights and Sign Toppers**

James reported that he will attend a meeting at the city where representatives of Spring City (the manufacturer that *still* produces the street lights used in College Hill) and Duke Energy will be present to discuss replacing and maintaining our street lights. City employee Kym Smith will also be present. James reported that Spring City also makes brackets that can be used to attach street signs to our street lights, so they will include street signs in the discussion.

#### **Neighborhood Security**

The security company James has been meeting with feels they have a verbal okay from Duke Energy to use the existing poles to mount security cameras. The Greensboro Police will be sharing the cost. The

police are interested in having two of the cameras at entrances to the neighborhood so it will be possible to read license plates. Discussions continue.

**Church of the Covenant Event**

There will be a musical event at the Church of the Covenant on Saturday, July 26. James is serving as the College Hill representative during planning for the event.

**City Council Meeting**

James Keith plans to continue to attend City Council meeting to give a brief, periodic reports about College Hill and keep the Council informed about College Hill.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

#1755, 808 Walker Ave., Tree Removal — Following a discussion, the board felt the COA application regarding removal of the tree in question was a matter between two neighbors. The neighborhood is not opposed to removal of the tree if it is merited due to its condition.

#1730, 919 Spring Garden Street, roof and gutters – Following a discussion with input from several neighbors, the board agreed that if it is necessary to use asphalt shingles on the roof of the house at 919 Spring Garden, the board can support this. Our first hope is that the slate roof be saved and that funding from a grant comes through to help with keeping the slate roof. But due to the costs involved, the board is willing to accept the use of asphalt shingles as an alternative. The board approved use of external gutters on the house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary