

# **College Hill Neighborhood Association**

## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

7 p.m., June 23, 2014

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

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

Officer Melanie Daniels reported that in the past month, the Provence was the sight of a stabbing between a boyfriend and girlfriend, a robbery that was possibly drug related, and a Craigslist robbery. Elsewhere in College Hill: at 900 Spring Garden there was an assault between two people who knew each other. At 816 Spring Garden a laptop was taken from an unlocked car. Police are investigating these crimes.

### **Monthly Meeting (7 p.m.)**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no report. No significant changes in the bank balance.

### **UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Neighborhood Planning**

Jeff Sovich said he has tweaked the College Hill Plan document. He inquired if those present had read the article in the Rhino Times regarding the plan. While several people had read the article, the consensus was that the article was not of concern. The article said the neighborhood opposed students. The group agreed that we do not oppose students. We do oppose absentee landlords who do not maintain their properties. A MOTION was made by Joe Wheby to adopt the College Hill Neighborhood Plan as delivered on June 23, 2014. Larry Horn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The plan will now go to a variety of city boards and commissions prior to going to the City Council for approval.

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

On behalf of James Keith, who could not attend the meeting, Judy Horn reported that progress is occurring regarding sign toppers and street signs.

The group discussed the color of the College Hill logo on the street signs. Cindy Sheppard MOTIONED that black material be used on the sign instead of maroon. Joe Wheby seconded the motion. The group agreed unanimously on a voice vote to use black reflective material. Using black will be more cost effective since the maroon color would require a special order that is more costly.

Judy also reported on an alternative types of light that the city is recommending be used to add lighting above street light level at places within College Hill where additional light is needed. Five possible locations for these new lights have been identified. Before the board would vote on use of these lights, the group asked to see a photo of the prototype.

#### **Marketing Committee Report**

David Arneke said that the neighborhood should hear soon if it will receive funds from the Community Foundation grant. These funds would go toward the production of the neighborhood guide and magnets. Plans are to finalize and distribute the guide in late August or early September, at a time when students are back from summer break. Volunteers will be needed to distribute the guides. The guide will also be available online. Tom Herin generously offered his pool as a spot for an after-distribution gathering. Cindy and Janet volunteered to help with the project.

**Greensboro Beautiful Nomination**

Joe Wheby has nominated College Hill for the Neighborhood Improvement Project for the recent tree inventory.

**Neighborhood Clean Up**

The group discussed when to hold a neighborhood clean up (in lieu of participating in National Night Out). Saturday, Oct. 4 was suggested as well as a possible date in September. It was agreed that we should confirm the date of UNCG's homecoming so there is no conflict.

**New Earth Contract**

The board members should review the New Earth contract in order to be informed when we decide in July if the contract should be renewed. It was noted that the bed at Spring Garden is full of weeds and that the plantings lack "pop" and color. A dead dogwood tree near the Greensboro College soccer field has not been replaced. The group wondered if there could be some sort of feedback loop included in the contract so that New Earth gets more frequent input from the neighborhood association.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

#1755, 808 Walker Ave., Tree Removal — Janet explained that the Willow Oak tree on her property has been deemed hazardous and she has resubmitted her COA to cover removal of the tree. The CHNA voted to support the COA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary