

**College Hill Neighborhood Association
December 7, 2015, 7 p.m.**

James Keith called meeting to order, 7:00 pm.

Minutes from October were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No change in CHNA account. No report. Marjorie Bagley to step down as Treasurer, expecting twins in the spring.

Community Watch: James Keith introduced Ben Wingfield, who is new to Central District. Officer Wingfield informed us that Officer Larry Roberts will be taking over for Melanie Daniel as our contact in the GPD. Officer Wingfield reported that there had been recent episodes of "tagging" on Sherwood St., and advised that we be on the lookout. He also reported that a "stealth stat" traffic report had been planned, but since the semester just ended, they will conduct that at a later date.

Landscaping: New granite sign at Tate and Market is finished, however the inset piece needs to be redone. Quality assurance for the project is City responsibility. Jeff Sovich will check into this. It was suggested that landscape lighting to illuminate each entry would be beneficial, though expensive to run electricity. Is there a solar option?

New legislation regarding MSD funds will make the process for accessing funds more cumbersome. City must approve use, but can delegate to the Historic Districts. Reinforces the need for "Big Picture" planning.

Brackets with decorative scrollwork and College Hill logo for street signs have been priced. \$447.00 for scrollwork and logo. \$317.00 for bracket. GDOT puts a cap on the number they will install. Best for major intersections. Discussion on locations followed. Dan Curry suggested coordinating all signage, and not doing it piecemeal. Street name signs should be brown which would be consistent with historic districts in other locations. Cindy Sheppard noted that enhancing signs where the major plantings are would be a good start. James

Keith will ask for a color sample. Arlen Nichols stressed that in branding, consistency is key, and suggested we count the total number of locations, then break out the strategic locations.

Lighting: Duke Energy has ordered replacements for the new LED streetlights that are not working. Do not use "See, Click, Fix" to report those lights (yet). Springdale Park would be a good location for at least two of the new streetlights. Some "historic" fixtures are out, but these have been reported.

Selling of College Hill Property: Arlen Nichols got in touch with Betty Smith of Smith Marketing, regarding our vacant lot. She was told that in RS-7, 7,000 sq. feet is the lot size requirement for a building permit, and the lot would appraise at \$14,000 **if** you could get a building permit. (Our lot is approx. 3,400 sq. ft.) Dan Curry was told differently by City Planning. Jeff Sovich referred to the map in the Neighborhood Plan showing a lot of similar size with a house on it. Dan will go back to the City Planning Dept.

Go Around: Action Greensboro is hosting a drop in on December 10, to show concept plan for the section of the Greenway that will run from Spring Garden St. to Market St. Times are 11-1:30 and 4:30-6:30, location is 203 S. Church St. James Keith and David Arneke encouraged attendance to show our interest. Jeff Sovich suggested taking the original landscape plan.

Janet Fromman- Shrubbery and brush on Oakland Ave. Needs attention.

Cindy Sheppard - inappropriate landscape materials used and trees taken down at 508 S. Cedar.

Historic Preservation Commission:

306 S. Mendenhall St. - continued from Nov. HPC. No motion. Meeting adjourned, 8:55 pm.

Next meeting Monday, January 25, 2016
--Respectfully submitted by Clara Kelly