

College Hill Neighborhood Association (CHNA) Meeting Minutes

Time and Date: 7 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2016

James Keith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Curry moved to approve, David Arneke second. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Carmen not here. James thinks we added money.

Updates and Old Business

Parking issues: Beth Benton of the city defined her role at the city in the dept. of neighborhood development and code enforcement—nuisance code, minimum housing code, and zoning. Beth oversees enforcement of zoning for the planning dept. She distributed flyers about parking in front yards. Beth doesn't handle street parking permits, that lives within the transportation dept. (contact Chris Spencer, 336-433-7218). Parking ordinance enforcement started in 2009. Beth started working for the city in 2013. When there is a zoning violation, the person is issued a notice, and given 30 days to move car. Biggest struggle is that people don't know about it. 3% of complaints result in notice of violation. About 7% of total complaints were repeat offenders. 11% of those required multiple visits. The hard part is that mostly the owner is absentee. Only 2 full-time zoning officers, so most violations are complaint-driven. The city wanted to have policies that would go after the violator, a.k.a the owner of the car, so now complaints go to parking enforcement. The city distributes information on the policy by leaving flyers on cars, mailings to owners and to physical addresses of violation, infomercials for channel 13. As of July 1, the procedure will be to issue a warning ticket, then the violator has 5 days to move car or get a 50\$ parking ticket to owner of vehicle. The city only has 3 people certified to issue those tickets, maybe a 4th person soon. If a person gets 3 (tickets can be anything parking related) in 90 days and don't pay, then the vehicle can get booted (function of parking enforcement and collections). They have right to appeal, parking enforcement handles that.

Dan Curry asked that if someone talks to an owner, how can they be educated? Beth said that when someone at the city submits a ticket, the system pings them that this is a historic district and a COA is necessary to add parking, can't just create a new parking spot. CHNA suggested that an insert or some language about COAs in historic districts be added to the flyer.

James addressed the street parking permit issue. Problem is that the neighborhood hasn't been informed of the policy, and there doesn't seem to be a written policy. But that's a separate issue that we'll contact Chris Spencer about. Solution seems to be that the city needs to train the person speaking with those applying for permits.

Neighborhood Watch/National Night Out: Dave Hemm and Dave Arneke gave the crime report. List of crimes reported over the last month: 8 total, 1 burglary (at the Province), 1 bicycle stolen, a few larcenies (from cars). There's a city-wide problem with cars being broken into. Larry Roberts is our contact at police dept. Jeff can give him the GIS file for the neighborhood boundaries.

Dave Arneke reported that there hasn't been much interest in block captains. A few volunteers have signed up, but still need more. National Night Out is coming up first Tuesday in August (Aug. 2). Idea for new venue, College Hill Sundries! Jason the owner is agreeable. Brainstormed ideas for that: bringing logo items to the event, use the night for voter registration, Posters, etc. Everyone liked these ideas.

New Business

Summer meeting locations: Amanda Keith suggested that we meet at Tate Street businesses over the summer to support them during the slow season. Tate Street Coffee has already agreed to be the June location. Dave Arneke said he'd approach East Coast Wings for July. James Keith said he'd ask Eddie at New York Pizza for August. New location notifications will be distributed on NextDoor and the blog, Facebook/Twitter, and physical signs on the Covenant church door.

Other items:

Dave Arneke brought up a company in Thomasville that makes thermoplastic street markings for intersections—[Ennis-Flint](#). Spring Garden and Fulton would be ideal for a traffic circle, so maybe we could start there, and the Mendenhall and Magee intersection.

The MSD plan at HPC was unanimously supported. It will go to City Council next as part of the budget. Hopefully July 1 we can get moving. The planning dept. wanted to have a meeting with other depts. that would be affected by the plan. James Keith said Mike Cowhig is supposed to give him an update this week about how that went. Aycock also put a plan together. Good that both historic districts are moving forward with their MSD plans.

Joe James responded about the CHNA's issues with the granite sign at Tate and Market. He said that Greensboro College wants the pile of dirt to stay so they can fill in their hole someday. Also, he said the crack in the sign is actually a seam.

Dan Curry brought up the idea of signs to put out on meeting days to help encourage others/new people to come. Dave Arneke thought maybe the cost would be \$30-40 each. Corrugated vinyl on wire stands, maybe \$5/piece. Dave Arneke will check prices and vendors. We'd need 10-15 signs

Jeff Sovitch: Planning submitted a nomination to state chapter of American Planning Assoc., not selected last year, but have re-submitted for this year. Awards will be announced in September at state planning conference in Asheville. CHNA and Gso would be recognized jointly.

Jim Rounds: would like to see a city ordinance that requires new buyers in College Hill to be required to sign off on historic district guidelines along with other paperwork. Can we involve the HPC? Dan suggested that we invite Jeff Thigpen to a future meeting. James spoke to him 2 years ago, they were looking into software to do such a thing, but it has to be approved at a higher level. James will follow up with him. Dan said we could ask the city to do some research about other places that have that kind of provision. Eric Crouse thinks that real estate documentation is approved by the state. Could CHNA's MSD funds be applied toward the software to do this?

COA Applications

442 S. Mendenhall St.

- Dan Curry attended HPC last time, was disappointed that it was even on the agenda because of the incompleteness of the application. No information on the product they suggested, no price comps. James spoke with Robert Leonard roofers; he's met once with the property owner but hasn't had any other contact.
- Dan Curry moved that we oppose the application, based on the lack of information about the specific product being recommended and no information being presented about the cost of repairing existing slate roof. Larry Horn second. Passed.

918 Carr St.

- Dave Hemm moved that we deny the application, and that we enforce the policy in place and suggest that the city do anything legally possible to remediate the situation. Judy Horn second. Passed.

909 Morehead Ave.

- Dan Curry moved that we support the application for the retaining wall that was installed without a COA for 909 Morehead Ave. Judy Horn second. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

In attendance: James and Amanda Keith, Judy and Larry Horn, Lyddan Pawlowski, Elizabeth Benton (City of Greensboro), Dave Hemm, Jeff Sovitch, Dan Curry, Eric Crouse, David Arneke, James Rounds