

# College Hill Neighborhood Association

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., April 22, 2013

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

### Community Watch Report – 6:30 p.m.

Officer Melanie Daniel reported that online crime mapping is now available for Greensboro. She shared with the group a sample report of the crime report for the area within a 0.5 mile radius of Walker Avenue and Tate Street. The categories of crimes included larceny (from motor vehicles and residences), drug offenses, vandalism, burglary, weapons offenses, and robbery.

In response to a question about graffiti, Officer Daniel suggested the neighborhood may want to look into a cleaning product called Graffiti Remover.

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**Approval of Minutes:** J. Keith motioned and L. Horn seconded approval of the minutes from the March 25, 2013 meeting as written. Approved on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** On behalf of Marjorie Bagley, Judy Horn reported that there were significant changes in the balances in the SunTrust and BB&T accounts during the past month.

### Updates and Old Business

**Letter to City Regarding MSD Funds:** We have received the financial information requested from the City. Following a quick review of the data, Judy agreed to post the information on the CHNA website.

**May House Tour/Landscaping:** The group discussed last-minute items to complete prior to the historic home tour. James Keith agreed to contact the city regarding the status of removing old telephone poles, street cleaning and sidewalk cleaning, replacing a dead tree and other finishing touches in the recently landscaped areas, placing the refurbished benches at the pergola, and seeing if we can get old sofas removed from front porches.

**Trash Cans:** James Keith reported that the City does not feel it is feasible to repair the old trash cans. The City has offered to collect and store them until we can take them to scrappers. However, the amount of money paid for recycling this type of metal is currently very low. J. Keith motioned and J. Moore seconded a proposal for the CHNA to donate the old trash cans to the Glenwood Neighborhood, provided that Glenwood arranges to handle timely removal of the trash cans. The motion was approved on a voice vote. If possible, we will try to get a publicity photo documenting the donation to Glenwood.

**Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):** Following a discussion of the need for a new HPC representative from College Hill, Lyddan Pawlowski agreed to ask Kim Langlois if he would be willing to take on this responsibility. COAs under consideration in April included an after-the-fact request from Duke Energy to remove trees. CHNA has asked that Duke replace the three trees it removed on College Place and also plant three trees of appropriate height on the opposite side of the street. CHNA also feels that the COA request for a new electrical panel from the house on Tate Street was incomplete and required more detail and verbiage. When Virginia Haskett cannot attend CHNA meetings, the CHNA secretary will forward decisions made at CHNA meetings to Virginia in advance of the HPC meeting. This will ensure that our decisions make it to the meetings.

**Street Light Project:** Following a discussion, C. Sheppard motioned and D. Arneke seconded a proposal to contact Kim Smith at the City by letter in order to keep the street light project going. The letter will

communicate that the neighborhood wants to replace the six inappropriate light fixtures that had been installed on Spring Garden Street with the proper “College Hill” style light fixtures; the CHNA has previously approved \$8,000 for each light fixture, to come from MSD funds. The CHNA wants the light fixtures that are removed to be donated to the College Church for their new parking lot. This motion was approved on a voice vote.

**House on Spring Garden at Joyner:** The church which owns the home has announced that they will demolish the burned house at the corner of Spring Garden and Joyner if it is not sold by the end of August 2013. Preservation Greensboro, Inc., continues to try to sell the property, which is available for \$50,000, and will market the home during the house walk. Following a short brainstorming session, D. Arneke said he would contact PGI to better understand their process for finding a buyer. PGI is reluctant to try to get articles about the home in general newspapers because such publicity rarely brings a qualified buyer who understands the amount of work the house will require. The neighborhood association agreed to help in any way we can to prevent demolition.

### **New Business**

The NeighborWoods program was discussed. Because planting areas between the street and sidewalk need to be at least 6 feet wide, it was felt there would be few areas that would qualify. It would be time consuming to devise an application requesting trees for the right of ways since most in College Hill would require owner approval prior to submitting the application. Thus, CHNA will not submit an application this year.

Fisher Park is having a night out in June. We will post information about the event on our website and social media (following the home tour).

No one at the meeting new any details regarding the house at Lily and Mendenhall, but several attendees thought the house was headed into foreclosure.

The group agreed to move the lot on Mendenhall. James Keith knows of someone who is willing to do the mowing. We will investigate using the lot as a community garden.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall St. (The meeting is moved to Tuesday due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday.) The Community Watch report will precede the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary

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