

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Dec. 2, 2013

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

Community Watch Report – No report due to scheduling issues

Monthly Meeting – 7 p.m.

Motion to Approval Minutes: The minutes from the October 28, 2013, meeting were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No report. (No major changes in bank balances were anticipated.)

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Duke Energy Vegetation Maintenance

Duke Energy held an informative community meeting on Nov. 13. The meeting was informal with a drop-in style. David Arneke will try to get the documents that were available at the meeting. Duke Energy is willing to look at homeowners' trees in advance if a homeowner requests. Trimming will begin sometime in January.

Bench at Pergola Follow-up

Repairs have been requested via Jeff Sovich.

Tree Inventory Follow-up

Judy Horn will contact Mike Cowhig to check on the status of this project.

Traffic Study Follow-up

Jeff Sovich walked through the neighborhood in November accompanied by several residents. It was noted that traffic volume on Mendenhall Street continues to increase and there seems to be too few stop signs with multiple intersecting streets and many pedestrians. Jeff has suggested addressing the problem intersections, eliminating some street parking, examining ADA compliance, looking into adequacy of street lighting, and improving the poorly designed McGee/Mendenhall intersection. A roundabout might be a good solution for this intersection.

We are still waiting for results of the Spring Garden traffic study. Those in attendance suggested a roundabout might also be desirable for Spring Garden Street as a way to slow traffic.

Burnt Out Street Lights Follow-up

Joe Wheby recently inventoried and tagged burnt out street lights within College Hill. He found 11 lights burnt out. These have been reported to Kym Smith, the City's liaison with Duke Energy. It was noted that when lights are replaced, Duke Energy replaces the old bulbs with new ones that are brighter.

Springdale Park Follow-up

Joe Wheby reported that several students at UNCG are interested in painting the concrete owl and rabbit sculptures at Springdale Park. He will request a list of needed supplies, which the Greensboro Park District has said they will pay for.

NEW BUSINESS

Security Cameras with College Hill

CHNA President James Keith met with Captain Cranford of the Greensboro Police Department. Captain Cranford is supportive of the use of camera for security and safety purposes. He will work with CHNA

(via James) and the surrounding entities of UNCG, Greensboro College, the City's planning department, the City Council and the Major to reach consensus of the use of security cameras.

919 Spring Garden House

The house at 919 Spring Garden had a window broken and the house was entered by someone, possibly a homeless person. James Keith reported that he had boarded up the window. The closing on the house has yet to take place.

Minimum Housing Code Enforcement

David Arneke reported that he had attended a recent Neighborhood Congress meeting where the speaker was Barbara Harris. She spoke about minimum housing code compliance and enforcement. The City wants to prevent issues from dragging on with endless extensions. Any individual can initiate a complaint regarding minimum housing.

Marketing College Hill

During past meetings, many different suggestions for marketing College Hill have been discussed. To best consider all these suggestion, there was agreement that the association needs to form a committee that will be asked to develop a comprehensive strategy we can implement. Those who expressed interest in serving on the committee included (but were not limited to) Jane Moore, Lyddan Pawlowski, Joe Wheby, and David Arneke.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary