

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., March 24, 2014

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

Motion to Approval Minutes: The minutes from the February 2014 meeting were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The post office box has been renewed. There were no major changes in bank balances. Marjorie will check when the neighborhood association last gave a check to the Church of the Covenant as payment for the meeting space they provide.

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Marketing Committee Report

David Arneke, chair of the recently formed marketing committee reported about the group's first meeting, which took place in March. The goal of the committee is to raise the image of College Hill as an attractive, vibrant neighborhood. The committee has developed a list of assets as well as a list of issues and challenges that College Hill faces. Items on the "to do" list that the committee created include: street sign toppers, neighborhood entrance signs, signs at historic homes, talking to Realtors about College Hill, and talking about College Hill at City Council meetings. Additionally, the neighborhood wants to improve our participation in National Night Out, create a brochure about College Hill, resurrect the walking tour brochure, create a printed informational document for residents, improve the relationship the neighborhood has with UNCG students groups, and add more information to the website. The committee will continue to meet regularly to accomplish tasks on an ongoing basis. Anyone interesting in assisting should contact David Arneke.

Little Free Library

Those present discussed the idea of posting a little free library near the pergola in College Hill. Other Greensboro neighborhoods, such as Aycock and Lindley Park, already have these libraries. No final decision was made.

Neighborhood Planning

Jeff Sovich reported good progress in incorporating feedback received into the updated College Hill planning document. Jeff suggested that the neighborhood have another summit meeting in May to provide an opportunity to take "one last look" at the document to ensure that nothing has been left out or needs to be removed. Jeff said he would also like to meet with the Tate Street merchants and the surrounding schools and other institutions to explain the plan. After College Hill approves the revised plan, other Greensboro entities (HPC, housing commission, etc.) will see the plan. At the end of the process, the report goes to the City Council. Jeff also described the SeeClickFix website that the City is now using to track items that need repairs/fixing.

Street Lights

James reported that he met with a new representative from Duke Energy and Kym Smith of the City to discuss having Duke replace damaged street lights using the proper light poles. The street light manufacturer will meet with Duke Energy.

NEW BUSINESS

Plantings near Greensboro College Bleachers

Janet Frommann inquired if MSD funds could be used to pay for plantings near the bleachers at Greensboro College. This is the area where Duke Energy removed trees.

Right Plant, Right Place

Joe Wheby encouraged College Hill to get involved with the “Right Plant, Right Place” program that is currently being rolled out in the Westerwood neighborhood. This program helps with planting trees along streets on private as well as public property.

Retaining Walls

A resident inquired if the city will help or is responsible for repairing retaining walls. Jeff Sovich noted that the Aycock neighborhood has been told by the city attorney that the city does not pay to repair walls.

James Keith agreed to look into these questions to gather more information.

Historic Preservation Commission

There were no applications affecting College Hill on the March HPC agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary