

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., March 24, 2014

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

Community Watch Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

Officer Melanie Daniel reported that: 1) a resident at the District apartment building was arrested for entering other people's apartments, 2) an individual in the After Gateway program had money stolen out of a wallet, and 3) an armed robbery took place at 820 Walker. The robbery involved a female carrying a sack of groceries who was stopped by a black male approximately 6'2" tall and 160 pounds, wearing an athletic hat. He showed the woman that he had a gun and demanded money. The robbery took place around 8:15 p.m.; a very small amount of money was handed over. The victim reported the robbery.

Monthly Meeting (7 p.m.)

GUEST SPEAKER

Jennifer E. Motszko, Manuscripts Archivist at UNCG, urged the CHNA to donate association and neighborhood materials to the archives at the UNCG library. This will ensure that the materials are properly stored in a centralized location in closed stacks. The materials would be available to any person who visits the library. (They would not circulate). Some items might be digitized. The association would first have to sign a Deed of Gift document prior to turning materials over to the library. Information donated by individuals related to the history of homes and residents of College Hill would also be welcome. The association will send an email request via the website to see if residents are willing to contribute items.

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

Treasurer's Report: Marjorie Bagley reported that there were no major changes in bank balances.

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Marketing Committee Report

- David Arneke reported that new items added to the College Hill website include voting information, historic district information, a "houses for sale" section, and a listing of businesses and churches. The website continues to be a work in progress.
- Jane Moore, assisted by Lyddan Pawlowski, will lead the effort to improve communications with realtors.
- We continue to research sign toppers, considering having sign toppers unique to College Hill. Jeff Sovich noted that he had found it will be possible to find a connector that will attach a sign topper to the existing College Hill street signs. Mike Cowhig agreed to speak with the City's sign shop coordinator to learn how other neighborhoods have gotten sign toppers and what would be possible for College Hill.
- The group expressed an interest in getting both College Hill magnets and College Flags. Joe Wheby noted that he has a source for flags and could be them at wholesale prices.

- David encouraged everyone to use the SeeClickFix website to report items in need of repair within College Hill.

Neighborhood Planning

Jeff Sovich announced that a new draft of the College Hill Neighborhood Plan has been posted online. The document has been formatted, a table of contents added, and a list of maps and charts added. Some maps and data tables are still to come. Jeff presented and the group discussed the revised future land use map and the potential redevelopment map. Greg Higgins noted that it would be beneficial to include in the final draft of the report representative mockup drawings of potential developments. Jeff asked that everyone review the list of issues to see if anything is missing or inaccurate. He asked for input from all board members and interested resident on prioritizing goals and determining key actions. James asked for volunteers for a subcommittee that could meet to discuss the priorities. James and David volunteered; they will ask Cindy Sheppard and Dan Curry if they will also participate. Following a discussion, the group agreed that the next neighborhood summit meeting (which will probably be the last) should be on June 2.

Street Lights

James reported that Kym Smith had a successful meeting with Duke Energy regarding street lights. The College Hill lights are still being manufactured and Duke is willing to grandfather use of these lights. Duke seems to be willing to replace the six incorrect lights when they break (not before). Kym Smith and Duke have also recommended using a new style of light that hangs from existing poles when adding additional lighting to College Hill.

National Night Out

Instead of participating in the annual National Night Out even held in August, the group agreed to hold a clean-up day.

Tree Inventory

Results of the Tree Inventory will be presented at a public meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 12 at the Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Covenant. Information about proper tree care will also be presented. Jeff Sovich noted that thanks to the data in the Tree Inventory, he will be able to include an estimate of the economic value to the trees in College Hill in the neighborhood plan.

Neighborhood Security

James Keith reported that he has had another very positive meeting the Greensboro Police regarding use of surveillance cameras in College Hill. We are waiting to hear back from Duke Energy regarding use of Duke Energy poles for mounting the cameras.

Plantings near Greensboro College Bleachers

Janet Frommann inquired if the Neighborwoods Program might be used to pay for plantings near the bleachers at Greensboro College. She has been advised to discuss this with Robin Daniels at Greensboro College.

NEW BUSINESS

Recent Home Sales

Homes recently sold include 924 Carr Street, 622 S. Mendenhall (pending) and 107 S. Mendenhall. James Keith encouraged residents to help publicize homes that are about to go on the market so that potential single family buyers become aware of the properties *before* investors.

Events

Joe Wheby encouraged residents to attend the upcoming *Groovin' in the Garden* on May 4 and the *Greenway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* on May 10. These items will be posted on the College Hill website. James Keith encouraged everyone to support the upcoming Tour of Historic Homes in Westerwood on May 17 & 18.

Music Series

Clara Kelly announced that the Church of the Covenant is interested in re-invigorating its music series. The church wants to know if the neighborhood would be interested in partnering with the church or might have any opposition to outdoor summer events. James Keith agreed to be the point person to discuss the idea with the church.

City Council Meeting

James Keith planned to attend the next City Council meeting to give a brief report about College Hill and keep the Council informed about College Hill.

Date of May Meeting

The regular meeting date would have the May meeting fall on Memorial Day. The group decided to move the May meeting to Thursday, May 22. The time remains at 7 p.m. and the location will be the same (so long as the church approves). Judy will notify Officer Daniel of the change in date and determine if she will be able to come to the Community Watch meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary