

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., August 25, 2014

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

Monthly Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes: David Arneke MOTIONED and Amanda Keith seconded to approve the minutes of the July 2014 meeting minutes as printed. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Margery Bagley reported that with the recent deposit of \$1,500 from the grant we received, the balance of our account in BB&T is \$2,155.49.

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Run 4 the Greenway

David Arneke and Janet Frommann asked for volunteers to direct runners during the Run 4 the Greenway Race on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014. James and Amanda Keith and Lyddan Pawlowski volunteered. Joe Wheby has already volunteered. James, Judy Horn, and David Arneke volunteered to bring food/beverages for the party at Springdale Park starting at 4 p.m.

Neighborhood Planning

Jeff Sovich said he will spend Friday, Sept. 12, at various businesses on Tate Street seeking input/Q&A into the neighborhood plan. Jeff said he has made enhancements to the plan document based on feedback from business owners. He also will tweak the Future Land Use map. Jeff anticipates having the planning board discuss the document at their Oct. 15 meeting (2 p.m.). James Keith said that Dawn Chaney will be there to support the document. Dawn is a major landlord within College Hill. Zach Methany has also expressed his support. David Arneke suggested we get supporters of the plan to sign a petition and also talk individually to members of the planning board. The group agreed that we want the language in the planning document to resonate with (rather than offend) the "good" landlords who rent well-maintained properties.

Street Lights

Following a short discussion, David Arneke MOTIONED that we approve use the sample light fixture for lights that will be hung at higher levels on existing utility poles. Joe Wheby seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote. James said a comprehensive list of locations where additional lights will be hung is being developed. Once these lights are operational, College Hill will have a combination of low- and high-source lighting.

Landscaping: James reported that several College Hill board members had an excellent meeting with Susan Crotts and Mike Cowhig regarding the New Earth landscaping contract. A new committee will be formed of interested individuals who will help contribute ideas and determine the scope of the new landscape contract. Goals will be to focus on maintenance and having more color and "pop" in our plantings. In November the CHNA board will vote on the landscape plan which, if approved, will go to bid. Members of the committee are Amanda Keith (chair), Cindy Shepherd, Janet Frommann, and Lyddan Pawlowski. The board thanks them for their service to College Hill.

The landscape committee wants to hire a local consultant to help plan College Hill landscaping. The anticipated cost would be \$2,000 to \$3,000. Amanda Keith MOTIONED that the board approve use of up to \$3,000 of MSD funds to hire a landscaping consultant. Janet Frommann seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Neighborhood Clean Up

The group agreed to hold a neighborhood clean up on Saturday, Sept. 13 to clean up the small lot on South Mendenhall Street. There will be a larger clean up for the whole neighborhood on Saturday, Oct. 4. Virginia Haskett and Jane Moore have volunteered to help organized that event.

Relations with Greensboro College

James Keith will receive a list of events planned at the College and share it so that College Hill residents are aware of these activities. Concerns about the noisy emptying of a dumpster at 5:30 a.m. were discussed. It was determined that calling the City would be the best approach.

Tate Street Closures

David Arneke noted that closures of Tate Street directly impact Carr Street. James agreed to contact the city to follow up.

Marketing Committee Report

David Arneke asked if we should add a crime report to our website. The consensus was to post this information. College Hill has received \$1,500 from the Building Stronger Neighborhoods grant. These funds will go toward the neighborhood guide. No distribution date has yet been determined.

Speaker at Bike Summit

Jeff Sovich announced that Tommy Pacello, an attorney and city planner from Memphis, will speak at the bike summit to be held Oct. 10-12 in Greensboro. He could be available to spend time within College Hill and can provide suggestions on how to generate neighborhood economic vitality within College Hill. Following a short discussion, Joe Wheby MOTIONED that the College Hill Neighborhood Association investigate the use of MSD funds to pay up to \$1,000 as an honorarium to Pacello so long as discussion of College Hill can be incorporated into his talk at the Bike Summit. Amanda Keith seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

President's Items

James noted that Dan Curry has been working on ways to improve the College Hill infrastructure in order to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. Dan is writing a proposal to work with an engineering consultant on addressing streetscape, traffic, intersections, etc. The cost is estimated at \$14,000. The proposal will be submitted to Sue Schultz in the City Planning department. James noted that, if approved, the neighborhood would not proceed with any work until the neighborhood plan is approved and in place.

Problems with Outdoor Eateries on Tate Street

David Arneke mentioned that Coffeology and NY Pizza are both using major portions of the sidewalks in front of their establishments for outdoor dining. A city inspector is going to visit the locations to see if there are any compliance issues.

Historic Preservation Commission

There were no College Hill applications in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, Secretary