

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Dec. 1, 2014

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

Monthly Meeting

Neighborhood Watch: Larry Horn reported that the following crimes took place in November 2014:

Burglary Unlawful Entry (909 Morehead Ave) This was boarding house and victims room was entered and suspect removed guitar and amplifier. Suspect has been identified and officers are still investigating.

Larceny from Motor Vehicle (818 Province Spring Cir) Broke driver-side window and removed purse

Robbery of Business (948 Walker Ave- Los Cabos Mexican Grill) Suspect entered business after closed. Took money from register. He was described as a male, 5'7-5'10, dark jacket, and mask.

Robbery Individual (S. Mendenhall/Walker)- Victim was walking to work at 6:40 am. She was approached by a young (16-19) black male who pushed her to ground and took her purse. He was wearing a gray hoodie.

A customer at College Hill Sundries became angry after the bartender refused him service due to intoxication. He punched the jukebox and damaged it. Officers found the suspect, Thomas Goodson, 55, at New York Pizza and cited him for **Injury to Personal Property**.

One of the tenants of the house at 628 South Mendenhall Street reported a **burglary**. It had occurred between the 26th and 28th. Officers determined that the suspect(s) had pulled out the screen over the kitchen window. This window had been left slightly open, so the suspect(s) was able to push it fully open. The suspect(s) had taken one electronic item, and one piece of jewelry, leaving other electronics and jewelry behind.

Motion to Approve Minutes: Clara Kelly MOTIONED and Dan Curry seconded to approve the minutes of the October 2014 meeting minutes as printed. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Church of the Covenant has received a check for \$300 from the association to show our gratitude for the way the church so generously allows us to use their facilities.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Beth McKee-Hugar, executive director of Greensboro Housing Coalition, discussed how this non-profit advocacy group helps Greensboro residents with housing issues. The organization can assist with making mortgage payments and landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities. The organization will sponsor a housing summit in February 2015.

Jason Combs and Randy Welch, from Duke Energy, discussed the upcoming tree trimming that Duke will do in College Hill. They answered a variety of questions and provided examples of informational literature that will be distributed through College Hill prior to the tree trimming.

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Marketing Committee Report: David Arneke reported that he continues to ask local businesses to sponsor ads for the neighborhood guide that is under development. The guidebook is essentially done except for the ads. The committee also wants to initiate meetings information sessions about the historic districts with realtors.

Street Lights: The city will soon install the new larger replacement lights once concrete bases are poured. The 11 upgraded lights will require HPC approval and COAs. We can expect at least an 8-week turn-around from the manufacturer and a couple weeks to install. The association also agreed that the previously approved light on Walker near the Church of the Covenant can be relocated to a location that needs more light.

Landscaping: Amanda Keith, head of the landscape committee, reminded everyone that Designature Landscape Designers would hold a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. to present and discuss their planting ideas. Feedback will be sought.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Curry reported that the City will be working with the historic districts to improve people's understanding of Greensboro's historic districts. Some items the City will handle and other things, such as signage at entrances as well as street signs will involve the residents. The City plans to add information about the Historic Preservation Commission on its website.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

#1820 709 Walker Avenue – Construction of wheelchair ramp – The neighborhood agreed to support this application.

#1829 547 S. Mendenhall Street – Replace front door, signage changes (Firehouse Grocery) – This application garnered much discussion. There was concern that was another after-the-fact COA. Other concerns were the internally lit sign, the glass/metal doors, and setting a precedent. As a result of the discussion, Amanda Keith MOTIONED and Cindy Sheppard seconded that the association appreciate the owners' efforts at improving the property and chose to defer to the HPC to determine if the improvements are consistent in both materials and methods with the established Historic District guidelines. The motion passed on a voice vote.

#1831 College Hill Historic District – New pole-mounted streetlight ramp – The neighborhood agreed to support this application.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, CHNA Secretary