

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

7 p.m., Jan. 26, 2015

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

Minutes from the December 2014 meeting were approved, as written, on a voice vote.

There was no **treasurer's report**. No significant changes in bank balances during the past month were anticipated.

Neighborhood Watch: Judy Horn reported that the following crimes took place since December 2014. The information is provided to us by Officer Melanie Daniel, Greensboro Police Department.

We have seen an increase in the past month in scooter/moped thefts. These mostly have occurred in the Spring Garden and W. Market St areas from Aycock to Holden Rd. These have primarily occurred overnight and early morning hours. It is possible that the suspect(s) is using a truck or van to transport the stolen vehicles away from the scene. Please pass the information on to your residents and ask them to report any suspicious activity. If possible store these vehicles in a secure area.

Burglary Residence:

1000 Hicks Ct (12/16-12/18)- Entered unlocked window. Took Electronics and watch

808 Spring Garden St (12/25 6pm-11pm)- Kicked in basement door. Missing electronics

630 Joyner St (12/30- 10:30pm)- Pried window open nothing missing. (One of two apartments affected)

630 Joyner St (12/30- 10:30 pm)- Pried window open. Unknown if anything missing. Homeowner wasn't home. (Second of two different apartments affected)

18 Springdale Ct (12/24-12/25)- removed air conditioner unit and entered. Took medication.

Larceny from Motor Vehicle:

S Mendenhall St & Spring Garden - Broke window took wallet and phone charger

515 Spring Garden St - No damage to car. Possible unlocked. Removed GPS.

UPDATES AND OLD BUSINESS

Neighborhood Plan: The College Hill Neighborhood Plan was accepted by the Greensboro Planning Board. They were very impressed by the work done to respond to increase input and address issues brought at the first Planning Board meeting at which the plan was presented. James Keith reminded the board that the dissenters to this plan are still part of College Hill. We need to try to engage them where appropriate, such as in addressing traffic issues or planning neighborhood festivals. The plan now goes for review at the next City Council meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to again express support for the plan.

Street Lights: Street lights have been replaced. Duke Energy has been very good about communicating with James. James received on complaint from a Wafco Mills Condominiums resident who felt the replaced street light provided too much light on his deck. James arranged to have Duke Energy install a baffle on the light to help direct the light towards the street and not towards the deck in question. James noted that he has reported several cracked glass panes in our street lights. James contacted Spring City to work with the City to obtain replacement parts. If any resident notices street lights in need of such repairs, they should use See, Click, Fix to report the problem to the City.

Edgar Street/Alley: The status of the street was discussed. The City has traditionally maintained Edgar Street to the extent that City trash trucks can use the road to make pickups. While it is unclear if this is truly a city right-of-way, Dan Curry noted that we probably can expect the City to continue maintenance if residents feel a need.

Little Library: Since College Church on Tate Street has created two little libraries, one for adults and one for children, it was decided our Neighborhood Association should not create another little library since it is no longer needed.

Election of 2015 College Hill Board: It was agreed that secretary Judy Horn will email all current board members to see if they are interested in serving again on the 2015 board. Clara Kelly and Lyddan Pawlowski agreed to serve as the nominations committee to pull together a full slate. Elections take place at the February meeting. Judy noted that she is willing to serve on the 2015 board but will not run for secretary.

Landscaping: Amanda Keith circulated the finalized corner plantings document. She said the December meeting regarding the corner plantings was very successful. We are waiting for bids for a new granite neighborhood sign to be placed at Tate and Mendenhall streets. Greensboro College has okayed use of the land for the new sign. Amanda noted that the board will need to determine an annual landscaping budget. We could choose to have the new plantings installed all at once or use a phased in approach. It will be important to agree on a plan that we can afford and support into the future, especially in view of the fact that our neighborhood MSD funds collect about \$8,000 annually in tax funds. If any College Hill residents know of individuals or companies who will do a good job maintaining the gardens at an affordable price, they should provide the names to Amanda.

NEW BUSINESS

James Keith announced that there is going to be a rezoning request for the properties at 1107, 1109, and 1111 Tate Street. The property owner (who owns all three lots) wants to be removed from the College Hill Historic District. The owner has offered to send a representative to the College Hill Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss this request.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

#1634 – The Wafco Mills Condominium Association has asked to replace overgrown trees (four trees on Fulton and four trees on McGee) in order to try to stop flooding problems caused by tree roots growing into pipes. Joe Wheby presented information on behalf of the Condo Assn. The neighborhood agreed to support this application.

#1839 – The neighborhood agreed not to support the request to reconsider the denial of the COA application for a satellite dish at 921 Carr Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Horn, CHNA Secretary