

**College Hill Neighborhood Association**  
**August 24, 2015, 7 p.m.**

James Keith called meeting to order, 7:01 pm. Welcomed our City Council representative, Justin Outling.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved on a voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marjory Bagley reported that tax bill has been paid on the Lilly St. property (\$111.38) bringing the balance in the CHNA account to \$1551.11. David Arneke questioned whether we have to pay taxes as a non-profit. James Keith will investigate.

**Community Watch:** Judy Horn reported that there has been an up tick in incidents reported since the students have returned. Distributed report from Officer Daniel. Several robberies and breaking and entering incidents. Discussion about revisiting the Closed Circuit TV installation. James gave background information, Justin Outling will follow up with police and will ask that police presence in the neighborhood be increased.

**Landscaping:** Amanda Keith reported that 3 bids were received. Two of the bids were over \$100 K. Sand Hill Fine Gardening's bid was \$54,000. They were recommended by Lee Rodgers, and we can afford them. Discussion followed about increasing the tax rate to allow for future funding, also the availability of "Small Neighborhood" grants. Dan Curry suggested that we ask the landscape designer to review the plans and help negotiate the bid down to what we can afford, realizing that the first year there should be a healthy maintenance budget. David Arneke made the motion that the city accept the bid from Sand Hills Fine Gardening and ask that the designer meet with the company to adjust cost. We understand that there might be an additional cost. Lydann Pawlowski seconded. Motion passed.

Granite entry sign should be completed soon. Still waiting for the stone.

**Zoning Issues:** Three properties on Market Street have requested to be removed from the Historic district. This request was denied by the

Historic Preservation Commission. The Planning Board also rejected the request. The request will go to the Zoning Commission in September. Residents are also urged to attend the September 21 meeting to speak in person against the application. It was suggested that attendance be mandatory for CHNA Board members.

**Lighting:** James reported that the delay in installation of the new LED lights was because Duke had not received payment. Now looking at fall break to finish installation.

**NEW Business:** James reported that the owner of the house next door to our lot is interested in purchasing the Lilly St. property in order to build a tiny house, to be sold as a single family dwelling. Tax value on the property is \$8,000. CHNA supports exploring the idea, and would like to see the design concept. Dan Curry suggested we get the lot appraised. James will invite interested person(s) to our next meeting.

Street Wall Program - Dan Curry distributed draft proposal. Discussion ensued. Is this an appropriate use of MSD funds? Would it be a revolving loan fund? David Arneke made a motion that the City Staff present the proposal about Historic Street Wall Program to the City Council. Joe Wheby seconded. Motion approved.

**Historic Preservation Commission:** 916 Walker Ave. - COA after the fact. Review of siding material. After discussion, David Hemm moved that homeowner be allowed to finish the project. Amanda Keith seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is on September 28.

--Respectfully submitted by Clara Kelly