

College Hill Neighborhood Association
October 26, 2015, 7 p.m.

Karen Archia from People's Perk stopped in to announce that the coffee shop is celebrating its 2nd anniversary. She passed out discount coupons for specialty drinks and had a drawing for free coffee. Lyddan Pawlowski won!

James Keith called meeting to order, 7:07 pm.

Minutes from September were approved on a voice vote.

James introduced a new neighbor, Riley Driver, who purchased the house at 615 S. Mendenhall through the "Good Neighbor Next Door" program that is available to teachers, first responders, and police in revitalization areas.

There was discussion about how to find out about houses in foreclosure. James suggested enrolling in real estate notifications.

Treasurer's Report: No change in CHNA account. No report.

Community Watch: Larry Horn had nothing to report from Officer Melanie Daniel, though James reported seeing the FBI conducting what appeared to be a drug bust. We will try to get details.

James has spoken to Robin Daniel at GC regarding recent issues of construction, traffic, noise, etc. Optimistic about GC's relationship with the neighborhood.

Discussion about traffic calming devices — speed bumps, traffic circles, stop signs, marked crosswalks. On going issue.

Landscaping: Amanda Keith reported that work on the granite sign at Market and Tate St. is still in progress. Dan Curry noted that we need to come up with a plan for long range use of MSD funds.

Lighting: James reported that the LED streetlights are here and Duke Energy has marked the polls where they will be installed with white tape.

Selling of College Hill Property: No contact from Joseph Wenn since our September meeting. CHNA to get the lot appraised. James will talk to Arlen Nichols, to get information about appraisers. Dan will go to the Planning Dept. to find out setback requirements.

Fundraising: CHNA needs funds. We are a year out from successfully planning and pulling off a fundraising event. The sale of the vacant lot would add much needed money.

Litter: David Arneke made a motion that we request the use of MSD funds to install additional trashcans at suggested locations (College Place and McGee, north side of Fulton and Spring Garden, Edgar and Walker, mid-Rankin, bus stop at S. Cedar and Spring Garden) and others to be submitted by Nov. 2. Dan Curry seconded. Approved.

Katherine Shelton, who lives next door to St. Mary's House on Walker Ave., came to talk about the litter situation in that vicinity. Nearby parking lots are very trashy. She has talked to several people with the City, also restaurants and businesses on Tate St. about the problem. Would like to work with the UNCG and GC to educate and engage students. Discussion about an "Adopt a Block" program. Dan will investigate that program. Amanda will find out about student service organizations at UNCG.

Go Around: David Arneke informed us that neighbors have moved in on Mendenhall St. (house with 3rd floor addition).

Virginia Haskett asked about the sidewalks marked for trip hazards. It is the result of "See, Click, Fix", and there are many places that need repair.

Cindy Sheppard asked about the status of Air BNB in the neighborhood. It is allowed.

Larry Horn is appearing in "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Open Space Theatre.

Historic Preservation Commission:

203 S. Tate St. (Winburn Ct. Apartments) - Expanded parking lot, con't. Dan Curry made a motion that at the HPC meeting we (the Neighborhood) express our desire that the City work expeditiously with Wrenn Zealy to come up with a reviewable plan, following the Historic District guidelines, in time for the November meeting. Larry Horn seconded. Approved.

306 S. Mendenhall St. - Lattice panels attached to privacy fence. Virginia Haskett made the motion that the CHNA oppose the COA because the fence does not conform to Historic District guidelines and appears to be in violation of other City zoning requirements. David Sevier seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned, 8:55 pm.

Next meeting TBA

--Respectfully submitted by Clara Kelly