

## **SNA Board Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

*Date: January, 12 2010*

*Present:* [Ann King](#), [Jeanne Woosley](#), [Katie Parks](#), [Michael Cox](#), [Caroline Kasper](#), [Ben Aliff](#), [Mary Beth Fields](#), Libby Collier, [Michael Seaton](#), [Chris Byers](#), [Jennifer Vic](#), [Katie Zender](#) (late arrival, Zoning-FAR meeting), ? Janelle Travis

*Not Present:* [Rob Ford](#)

*Next meeting:* February 9, 2010 (General Meeting)

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## **I. Announcements**

### *Important Dates*

- Deadline for Newsletter (Adds and Articles) - January 17, 2010
- Newsletter Folding Party – January 28, 2010
- SNA General Meeting – February 9, 2010
- SEDGEFEST – May 22, 2010

### *People*

- Michael Cox will be leaving Sedgefield –job opportunity with eBay in San Jose, CA.
- New Board Members:
  - Jeanne Woosley
  - Ann King
  - Libby
  - Caroline Kasper
  - Jennifer Vic
- SNA Officers for 2010
  - President: Jeanne Woosley
  - Vice President: N/A
  - Treasurer: Ben Aliff (will take over responsibilities from Michael Cox)
  - Secretary: Ann King

## **II. Discussions**

### *Operations of SNA and Meetings*

- Newsletters
  - Four Newsletters Published during the year
  - Newsletters coincide with Association Meetings
  - newsletter goes to ~800 people, meetings only ~50-300 attendance
- Committees
  - Current Committees are organized based on how the city and county function
  - Many other vacancies on committees
  - Katie Parks is willing to participate on Public Amenities, focusing on schools
  - Committee activity come in spurts
  - Committees may not be necessary in all cases, point of contact may be sufficient

- Contact Lists and Communications
  - Mary Beth currently maintains membership
  - Mary Beth currently manages the SNA email (hotmail account); neighbors find this email in newsletter or from neighborhood site
  - City has a zoning contact list for the neighborhood that needs to be updated with per new board members and new Zoning Committee members
- Rules
  - Emails to Board members are PRIVATE!
  - No campaigning at meetings
- Bylaws
  - Bylaws are out of date and need to be reviewed and updated.
  - Examples in Bylaws include the following (Referencing electronic document SNA By-Laws Revision 06.doc):
    - Officer term begins June 1
    - Annual dues \$10.00
    - Amendments of by-laws by vote from active members at meeting

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- (Mary Beth) Provide Ann electronic contact list of Association members and Board Members
- (MaryBeth) Provide Ann the by-laws, meeting minutes, and other SNA records.
- (TBD) Provide the City with update Zoning Mailings contact list for SNA

**Comment [ALK1]:** need confirmation of board members and committee members who need / want to be included in these mailings

#### *Park Rd. Sidewalks*

- Issue will be discussed at City Council Meeting on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>
- ~25-27,000 cars on Park Rd.
- Couple of neighbors with property on Park Rd. who are opposed to the sidewalks
- History: SNA Board met with neighbors in 2009; discussed the issue and decided to support the sidewalks after the meeting
- Patsy Kinsey has let those neighbors in opposition know that SNA does not oppose the sidewalks.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- (Jeanne) Represent SNA position on sidewalks the City Council Meeting on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – we are ok with the sidewalks

#### *Storm Water Issue*

- Sedgfield Rd
  - CMUD (sewer & water) wants to clear all of the tree's
  - Meeting Friday morning 8am (Jeannie and Michael Seaton)
  - Civil Engineer, David Falkner

### *Safety*

- CHA relocation of residents from Boulevard homes to Savannah woods has resulted in some increased crime
- Attempted break-in at resident on Poindexter's last week
- Ann called 911 last week (Thursday, January 7, 2010) to report "suspicious activity"

NOTE: Safety committee chair was not informed of recent issues; Need process improvement to bridge this communication gap.

### *Treasures Report*

- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter revenue very light
- advertisers are not paying in time
- current balance \$1229.45, average balance \$1700

### *Zoning Committee Updates*

- Stakeholder meetings on City Zoning code Revisions
  - Meetings for Height in Residential Districts (HIRD) complete
  - Floor Area Ratio (FAR) meetings tonight and next Thursday
  - FAR revisions will be attached to HIRD
  - April 19 – Planned date for city council to vote on recommended changes
- Savannah Woods - Redevelopment by Charlotte Housing Authority
  - Temporarily on hold - last messaging communicated a potential combined development with the adjacent vacant property.

### *FY2010 Q1 NewsLetter*

- Article - Introduction Letter
  - Introduce new board members
  - Introduce new officers
- Article - Storm Water Issue
- Article - Membership recruitment
- Article - Safety Incident Report
- Deadline for Newsletter (Adds and Articles) - January 17, 2010

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- (Ann, Jennifer, Caroline, Libby) Send a couple paragraphs for introduction to Jeanne
- (Jeanne) Write Introduction Letter
- (Community Office) write report on incidents
- (Jeanne and Michael) Brief article on storm water
- (Mary Beth) Membership recruitment

### *Miscellaneous*

- Vacant houses in the Neighborhood
  - 529 Marsh Rd. (north side of Marsh, west of power line)

**Comment [ALK2]:** Who will contact Matt?  
Will Michael Seaton do this?

- Winsor and Sunset (yellow)
- Habersham and ??? (yellow)
- Tree Planting
  - City will not do planting until fall
- Treasure and VP position is open;
  - Michael is moving to San Jose – global staffing position for eBay;
  - Michael will be able to keep it going for a few months.
  - Matt Rice will have check book.
  - There are three signers (Mary Beth, Michael Cox, Treasurer)
  - Ben has volunteered to be the Treasurer.
- Sedgefield Middle School
  - changing to Montessori, partially integrated next year

### *Membership Dues*

- Calendar year memberships
- Other Neighborhoods
  - Colonial Village NA publishes charge \$40 for membership fees; they have started publishing a substantial newsletter.
  - Myers Park NA– 1/3 of residents are members
- Difficult to cover cost of 2009 SEDGEFEST
- Planned allocation of membership funds (and sponsorship)
  - free neighborhood newsletter
  - tree planting project
  - SEDGEFEST
- Last time dues were raised ~2003
- Board decided to change SNA membership Dues to \$25 annually

### *General SNA Meeting in February*

- Timing
  - typically 1-1.5 hours
- Agenda
  - (Ben) present summary vision survey , guides our goals for the year
  - (Ann) Goal setting session
  - (Jeanne) Positions Available for Committees, Officer Position – Vice President
  - (Kate Parks) Update on Sedgefield Middle as Montessori
  - (Jeanne or Michael ??) Stormwater Update
  - (Community Officer) Safety report
  - (TBD) Update on Colonial Properties development project on South Blvd. at Poindexter
  - (TBD) Update on Crosland Greens, development project at South Blvd. and Scaleybark

**Comment [ALK3]:** who had the action to see if someone is available

- Attendees
  - SNA Members
  - (Ben) Make Antoine, candidate for sheriff is welcome to attend; clarify no campaigning

**ACTION ITEMS:**

(Mary Beth) Provide Kate Parks the point of contact on open house for the Montessori school.

**III. Roundtable**

Summary