

SNA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2010

Attendance

Present Board Members: [Ann King](#), [Katie Zender](#), [Janelle Travis](#), [Katie Parks](#), [Mary Beth Fields](#), [Michael Seaton](#), [Jeanne Woosley](#), Libby Collier, [Ben Aliff](#)

Absent Board Members: [Rob Ford](#), [Caroline Kaspar](#), [Chris Byers](#), [Jennifer Vick](#)

Guests: Clara Hedberg, Barkley Hendrix

I. Announcements

Important Dates

- Next Board Meeting: April 13, 2010
- General Association Meeting - May 11, 2010
- SEDGEFEST – May 22, 2010

People

II. Operations

General

- SNA Board Members must be nominated and voted into office at a General meeting
- All board meeting are open to anyone, not just members;
 - NOTE: Anyone from the neighborhood can attend a Board Meeting. However, non-board members only attend, they are not allowed to speak during the meeting unless invited to do so. Expected conduct for our meetings is per [Robert's Rules of Order](#)). Any Agenda items need to come through a board member.
- Open SNA Officers Positions for 2010: Vice President
 - NOTE: Anyone interested in open board positions should make interest known to the board so that your nomination can be added to the next general meeting. According to the bylaws, officers must first serve on the board.
 - For example, if Barkley is interested in serving on the board, he must be nominated and voted in at the next general meeting.

Conduct:

- Suggestion: we should raise our hands and be recognized by the president before speaking

Committees

- Current Committees are organized based on how the city and county function. Committee member participation requirement ebbs and flows as demand changes.

Contact Lists and Communications

- Membership Committee will be responsible to maintain active membership list
- NOTE: It is not necessary for the Treasurer to maintain a list
- Outstanding Action: 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 (Reminder)

- Emails to Board members are PRIVATE!
- No campaigning at meetings

III. Officers Reports

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

(Ben Aliff)

- Treasury is still in a state of transition
- Gap in last updated (September 2009) spreadsheet from Michael and current records; Resulting in books being unclear for Advertisements
- Active Membership – not all of the payments from General Meeting have not been recorded in spreadsheet;
- No need for Treasurer to keep a list of actively paid members with Treasurer

ACTION ITEMS:

- (Janelle) Forward billing document to Ben
- (Ben) Reconcile Advertising Records
- (Ann) Check with Rob Ford to verify that he is planning to take over membership record keeping
- (Mary Beth) Transition 2010 active membership records to Rob

Secretary

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made and there was unanimous approval of the meeting minutes from both the February 9, 2010 General Meeting and the January 12, 2010 Board Meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

Communication & Relations

(Mary Beth, Janelle Travis) NEWSLETTER, ADVERTISING

Advertising

- (See treasury report discussion in Operations section)

Newsletter

- (See topic list in Communications section)

Sedgefest

- No discussion this meeting

Membership

Member Database

(Rob Ford) [MEMBER DATABASE / EMAIL LIST](#)

- (See treasury report discussion in Operations section)

Safety

(Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis)

Recent Crime

- Break in on Elmhurst Road (March 9); k-9 unit and helicopter chased down and caught suspects on Belton

Community Improvement

(Carolyn Kasper, Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis) [TREE PLANTING](#)

Community Wide Tree Initiative

- Purpose: Address city's responsibilities to replenish trees that have been cut down in public right-of-way
- Goal: Get a Tree initiative passed by City Council; For City Council to put additional money in the budget for replanting of trees
- Coordination Meeting March 8:
 - Five neighborhoods were represented by attendees
 - SNA attendees: Michael Seaton, Carolyn Kasper, and Janelle Travis attended
- New urban street design guidelines requires planting strip for any renovation, redevelopment, rebuild
- Five speakers have signed up to speak at public forum portion of March 22, 2010 City Council Meeting.
- Need participation in audience from neighborhoods
- City policy is to replant when they have been cut down; however, this is not being done. The situation is that many of the trees are at end of life; city often cuts down diseased trees;

SNA Tree Initiative

- Tree sale once a year
- Suggestion – Get the garden club (Nancy Higginson) involved in this initiative
- SNA is a finalist for keep charlotte beautiful application

ACTION ITEMS:

- (Ann) Send this committee a summary of information gathered from last matching grants meeting, where Tree Planting Initiative was SNA focus

Public Amenities

(Jennifer Vick, Katie Parks, Michael Seaton) **SCHOOLS, PARKS, LIBRARIES**

Sedgefield Montessori Middle School

(Katie Parks)

- The school has a new principal, Mark Robertson
- Sedgefield is first public middle Montessori school in state
- Goal is to have 50% total students enrolled in Montessori
- Currently, minimal integration between magnet and standard students; Plan for increased integration includes sports and student government
- Bloom Grocery is donating a Green house; partnership with Urban ministries.
- Athletic facilities in poor condition – currently no scheduled home track and field games

Dilworth Elementary (Dilworth Neighborhood)

- Dilworth Elementary being changed back from magnet to a neighborhood school.

Parks and Recreation Meetings

- Representation at Parks and Recreation Meetings gets attention for actions
- Meetings are once a month
- Michael volunteered to start going to these meetings

ACTION ITEMS:

(Michael) Ask Chris Byers to identify the point of contact

(Janelle) Send Michael and Jennifer a list of the outstanding request

(Ann) Ask Jennifer if she wants to attend some of the Parks and Recreation Meetings with Michael

Sedgefield Park

- Nothing to report this meeting

EB Moore Park (Sedgefield neighborhood perimeter)

- Request for dog fountain to be added to EB Moore; This is the type of request that can be brought to parks and Rec meetings
- Request to add some trees in the park around the playground area

Freedom Park (Freedom Park Neighborhood Association)

- Fred Miller, FPNA board member, went to Parks & Rec. suggested 10 different planting stations (birds, butterflies, ...); parks and rec. agreed and there is opening on April 10th; extremely cooperative adventure

ACTION ITEMS:

(Ann) Make Jennifer aware of requests for EB Moore Park

Scaleybark Branch Library

(Clara Hendrick)

- Plans for a new, larger Scaleybark branch on South Blvd. have been delayed
- County may close several library branches for budgetary reasons; Scaleybark branch is at risk due to small size
- Scaleybark branch has been highly successful, more so than West Blvd.; Although West Blvd branch which has been expanded; Scaleybark is used by diverse groups from the community; computers are always full;

- Sedgefield Community members who value the library, need it, and want it to grow and prosper should take time to contact county to express sentiment for saving our branch.
- Point of contact:
- Director of Libraries for Mecklenburg County
Mr. Charles Brown
704-416-0605
cbrown@cmlibrary.org
- Send a Copy (CC) of communications to :
tfinch@ci.charlotte.nc.us
Martydoss@aol.com

ACTION ITEMS:

- (ALL) Contact Charles in support of continuing Scaleybark Branch Library

Planning & Development

(Katie Zender, Janelle Travis) DEVELOPMENT, ZONING

Crosland Greens

- Crosland Corporation filed bankruptcy recently for another project; financial state may not be as stable and previous perception.

Savanna Woods

- CHA has postponed until 2012

Strawn Apartments (Dilworth Neighborhood)

- Charlotte Housing Authority has engaged David Furman to do a Land Use Plan
- Plan includes enhanced street connectivity (Caldwell)
- The plan includes a large % low income / affordable housing
- Proposing several very tall buildings
- Dilworth residents do not appreciate proposed blocked view of uptown; huge towers will block views of uptown from residents; maximum height TOD is 120'
- 200' building and south blvd corner (argument, lower than the Arlington); this is at TOD side of property;
- several 130' buildings, beside office and medical
- Dilworth is agreeing to most of everything; they are fighting because the developers do not want to comply with TOD
- They are trying to set the zoning for the different parcels; they want the zonings to be liberal so that it is most lucrative to CHA. After they get the zoning that they desire, they will then get different to developers to develop each parcel.
- Question: What makes the CHA, which is funded by tax payer's dollars; think they are above the law? Why do they not want to comply with TOD when tax payers agreed to TOD? CHA seems to be very corrupt;
- Date: Public hearing for this is in April, vote in May; this is Dilworth's issue
- Suggestion: We need to on a bandwagon to scatter the mixed housing around in every development; this would eliminate the pockets of crime.

Zoning Regulations

Transportation & Utilities

(Mary Beth Fields, Michael Seaton) CDOT, SIDEWALKS, CMUD

Stop Sign on Marsh

- Stop Sign on Marsh at Selwyn (across from EB Moore Park) is progressing

Road Diet

- East Blvd went on a road diet
- South Tryon, narrowed across the bridge
- Park rd - over 27,000 cars a day - major thoroughfare, so it does not qualify for a road diet
- In the past, Freedom Park thought they were getting a 'Road Diet' at Park Rd from Woodlawn to Kenilworth; now there is an new plan for Scott / Kenilworth corridor - this was not shared with Freedom Park Neighborhood

Sidewalks on Park Rd (CDOT)

- City council voted on this Monday March 8, 2010; Park Rd sidewalks will proceed.
- Freedom Park Neighborhood Association meetings
 - March 16 11am meeting on same topic, preliminary question.
 - CDOT to present meeting on March 25

Neighborhood Improvements Projects (CMUD)

- This is about more than just the sidewalks and trees on Sunset, we would like to see a plan for all of the neighborhood;
- Suggestion: have the city fix the existing sidewalks instead of adding new ones
- Bids for this work are going out in August
- Suggestion: Plan to call a General Community meeting on a Tuesday night and invite CMUD to present latest plans; this should be before the bids go out.

ACTION ITEMS:

- (Jeanne) Contact CMUD to ask to come speak; determine most appropriate date
- (Michael) Once the date has been set for General Community meeting and commitment from CMUD, print notification flyers and sent out.

V. Communications

Association Communications

Motion was made and approved to keep a running list at board meeting of topics that should be covered in upcoming General Meetings and/or Newsletters

Newsletter and / or General Meeting Active Topic List

- CMUD Update on **Neighborhood Improvements Projects** in Sedgefield
- Scaleybark Library
- CharMeck Court Watch
- **Crosland Greens** Development Update

VI. Roundtable