

SNA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 08, 2010

Attendance

Present Board Members: [Ann King](#), [Jeanne Woosley](#), Libby Collier, [Chuck Allen](#), [Katie Zender](#), [Janelle Travis](#), [Michael Seaton](#)

Absent Board Members: [Katie Parks](#), [Mary Beth Fields](#), [Ben Aliff](#), [Rob Ford](#), [Chris Byers](#), [Caroline Kaspar](#)

Guests: David Newton, Debbie Robinson

I. Announcements

Important Dates

Next SNA Board Meeting – July 13, 2010
Deadline for Newsletter (Adds and Articles) – TBD
Newsletter Folding Party – TBD
Next SNA General Meeting – August 10, 2010

People

Sad News - Frank Narron from CHA passed away, young man 50 yrs

Board Members

- Debbie Robinson was nominated to the board and unanimously approved.

II. Operations

General

Reminders:

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

The meeting minutes from May 11, 2010 General Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasures Report

Ben submitted the treasures report in advance of the meeting. Everyone approves of the Treasures report.

III. Committee Reports

Suggestion for committees to meet 4 times a year even if only to educate other committee members.

Communication & Relations

(Mary Beth, Janelle Travis) NEWSLETTER, ADVERTISING, COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Newsletter

Sedgefest – see discussion

Membership

(Rob Ford) MEMBER DATABASE, GROUP EMAIL LIST

Nothing reported.

Safety

(Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis)

Nothing reported.

Community Improvement

(Carolyn Kaspar, Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis) TREE PLANTING

Nothing reported.

Discussion about Matching grants and efforts for tree planting program in neighborhood

[Neighborhood Matching Grants](#)

- Three grant cycles: September 15, March 15 and June 15.
 - Matching grants is separate to what the city is doing with Street trees.

[Tree Management](#)

- Charlotte's **Cooperative Tree Planting Program**
 - *Help neighborhoods have street trees planted.*
 - *Citizens help defray some of the costs of the program*
 - *The City plants the trees the following planting season.*
- Street Tree Replacement (where tree has been removed) - *Call 704-336-4262 to initiate a Street Tree Request.*

Public Amenities

(Libby Collier, Janelle Travis) SCHOOLS, PARKS, LIBRARIES

Nothing Reported

Libby Collier was nominated to be the Liaison for schools working with Colonial Village schools committee.

ACTION ITEMS:

(Janelle) Provide Libby with the contact names (Tracy and ??) and information on the Colonial Village schools committee.

Planning & Development

(Katie Zender, Janelle Travis) DEVELOPMENT, ZONING

Strawn Apartments (Dilworth Neighborhood)

Rezoning deferred in May, rescheduled for June 21, 2010 (~6pm). As people as possible should attend to support the Dilworth Neighborhood. The proposal from the CHA is simply to rezone to a higher density; they will then sell of the land for a profit. Dilworth's position is that they want the zoning to stay within the TOD guidelines.

2020 Vision Plan

After the 2nd group meeting uptown ([2020 Vision Plan Second Community Workshop](#)), several attendees approached the organizers (consultants and city staff) about the lack clear language about what they were planning to accomplish.

This resulted in a recommendation for a series of meetings from neighborhoods to help this for the vision.

One key aspect of the plan is to breakdown the paths, there are distinct rings (such as 277, I485) and we need to focus on the spokes to make sure they do not impede pedestrian and biker connectivity between these rings.

A map was used in the meeting and each neighborhood identified where there were known connectivity issues. The group has identified areas of focus that will be proposed back to the consultants.

The next meeting will work on fine tuning language.

Most center cities have an industrial ring and the neighborhoods are way out. Charlotte is good shape because we have a lot of neighborhoods that are close in.

2010 Vision Plan

Focused on Connectivity, Brookshire, bridges across from neighborhoods to downtown (too expensive).

Beatties Ford Road Corridor

Urban Land Institute is doing a study on Beatties Ford Road Corridor and how to integrate Johnston C. Smith University. June 06, 2010 article in the Observer, [Experts study Beatties Ford](#).

Boulevard Homes

[Boulevard Homes gets \\$20.9 million for big makeover](#)

Boulevard Homes (West Blvd. And Billy Graham) got large sum of money ~\$21M from Federal Government to be made over into to an Educational Village.

- With a K-8 + early childhood development school
- Plan to build 332 units – 188 for low income (57%), 129 (38%) for affordable housing , 15 (5%) units at market rate ;
- 35 acres (currently 300 units)

Things of concern with this announcement:

- The school system does not have the money for this.
- The “affordable housing” is really just a higher income bracket of what was previously all grouped as “low income”.
- Current crime rate >5x city average.
- Stan Wilson’s quote says that this will advance the city’s goals of moving away from high concentrations.

Housing Locational Policy

[Housing Locational Policy](#) is going to be revised because the city is having a hard time adhering to this with the neighbors. We need to stay on top of this. SNA does not want the high concentrations – it overwhelms the schools and the neighborhood; we do not want these low income areas to become like the slums of NYC.

State of the City (and County)

With the recent increase of the permit fee structures and the county letting go of 45 building inspector positions, we can expect a negative effect on code enforcement.

Mecklenburg County's Code Enforcement

- Brown Bag Lunches (15 – 30 minute presentations) from [James Bartl](#) (Land Use & Environmental Services > [Director of Code Enforcement](#)) are available upon request.

Transportation & Utilities

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

Nothing reported.

IV. Communications

Newsletter and / or General Meeting Active Topic List

CMUD Update on Neighborhood Improvements Projects in Sedgefield

FY2010 Q3 NewsLetter Suggestions

Postponed

- Crossland Greens Development Update
- Colonial Reserve Development Update

- Engineering & Property Management (not CMUD) - Update on neighborhood Improvements Projects in Sedgefield
- Request Anthony Fox to come talk about consolidation of City county Governments
- (General Meeting) Approve Nomination of Debbie Robinson to Board

Agreed upon Idea for next General meeting

- Invite businesses from the neighborhood
- Theme: Cool New Businesses
 - Juanita's, Flying Biscuit, new owners of Drug store, Atherton Market, icehouse, Fran's Filling Station, new restaurant where Las Ramblas was previously,
- Also invite any businesses that have provided sponsorship to the neighborhood, such as: Healthy Home Market, Dr. Tony Peters chiropractor, ..
- Tracy from Education custom cookies,)
- new and loyal "wonderful businesses of Sedgefield"
- make it a social – calm quite "fellowship event"

V. Roundtable

Other Issues / Discussions

Catering Next General Meeting

Jeanne was contacted by a caterer who wants to bring goodies to the next general meeting. Discussion on whether this would be acceptable, would it be considered solicitation?

- They can put up signs but not advertise.
- This will go with the theme (see above) for General Meeting, "Wonderful Businesses of Sedgefield"

Posting Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made and approved to post the meeting minutes to the neighborhood website (no video).
- Monthly Treasury report will be maintained separately.

Brainstorming Ideas for Neighborhood Projects

- Stimulus money to help elderly people replace windows
- City stimulus money to replace the led paint.
- How are we proceeding with Tree Planting program? See discussion above.

Highlights from Sedgefest

- Large attendance
- Renewed some memberships
- Mosquitoes were bad
- Current resident (fellow from England) with children is looking to move because of the state of the schools

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:24