

SNA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2010

Attendance

Present Board Members: [Ann King](#), [Katie Zender](#), [Janelle Travis](#), [Mary Beth Fields](#), [Michael Seaton](#), [Jeanne Woosley](#), [Caroline Kasper](#), [Debbie Robinson](#)

Absent Board Members: [Katie Parks](#), Libby Collier, [Ben Aliff](#), [Rob Ford](#), [Chris Byers](#), [Chuck Allen](#)

Guests: N/A

Meeting started at 7:05pm.

I. Announcements

Important Dates

- Deadline for Newsletter (Adds and Articles) - ??
- Newsletter Folding Party – Thursday July 29, 7pm at Mary Beth's house
- SNA General Meeting – August 10

People

- TBD

II. Operations

General

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Treasures Report

- Request Ben to email treasury report; request to provided in advance of board meetings since he is unable due to schedule conflict.
- Financial results for Sedgefest 2010, assuming we got the money that was pledged we would like to purchase a tent and possibly make a donation to the boy scouts
 - Request to donate \$100 to boy scouts for use of the cookers; decision from President is for us to wait after we see the bottom line to determine how much to donate (maybe only \$50). We will vote by email on amount.
 - Tent rental is \$128 – request for us to buy a tent this year at end of the season sales.

III. *Committee Reports*

Safety

(Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis)

None

Community Improvement

(Debbie Robinson, Carolyn Kasper, Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis) TREE PLANTING

Public Amenities

(Michael Seaton, Janelle Travis) SCHOOLS, PARKS, LIBRARIES

Parks

Help Keep the Parks in Your Neighborhood Safe and Clean

Due to budget shortfalls, Park and Recreation Department looking for groups that can commit to volunteering to be responsible for trash pickup and general park maintenance. They also have adoption opportunities available. Contact: [Louise Bhavnani](#) (Volunteer Services Assistant 704-336-7643)

- GENERAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM (Michael will be Point of Contact)
- Michael is going to the parks and rec. meeting next week.

Library

[Debra A. Clancy](#)'s position (Senior Library Assistant) at Scaleybark Library was eliminated due to budget cuts. Her last day was July 2, 2010. She was a contributing writer for the *Sedgefield Sentinel*.

New operating [hours](#) at Scaleybark Library has

The library will be closed on Mondays, Thursdays, & Sundays

- Tuesdays, Wednesday open from 10-7; Fridays, Saturdays open from 10-5

Send complaints to Charles Brown about the hours. (For example, disagree with reduced hours on weekends because school children would be writing reports on the weekends.)

ACTION ITEMS:

- (Janelle) Provide email address for Charles Brown

Planning & Development

(Katie Zender, Janelle Travis) DEVELOPMENT, ZONING

Zoning Regulations

- Housing Locational Policy Forum
HLP Forum [schedule](#)
Several of us are planning to attend the Central Region Forum - Monday, August 16, 2010
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm @ Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center, Chamber Room
[Note we will meet again Aug 10](#)

Strawn Apartments (Dilworth Neighborhood)

- Charlotte Housing Authority - Rezoning Request in Dilworth
- City Council Zoning decision was rescheduled to for next Monday July 19th; anyone who can attend should attend;
- They want 3 200ft tall buildings, but there is no plan

Epicurean Parking Lot (Dilworth Neighborhood)

- This has been a rental lot for special events with neighboring businesses, such as Cantina for Cinco de Mayo to CMC for construction equipment.
- Someone complained to the city about the lot, this reminded the city that the property was in violation.
- There was a public meeting to discuss the use of this space as a parking lot by local businesses (131 Main wants). The family that owns the Epicurean (Mr. Epicurean and daughters) took notes during meeting and will publish.
- Family wants to create a parking lot to be leased by the local business in order to cover the property taxes.
- Family has applied for a B1 pedestrian optional – 2010-046 petition
 - Opted out of NS (neighborhood services) zoning;
 - NS does not allow for freestanding parking;
- Dilworth does not like the 'optional' aspect of the zoning request.
- In order to opt out of the NS zoning the city requires them to rezone.
- In order to continue to use the lot for parking, to meet the cities criteria there has to be street trees, buffer ...
- At the meeting, people asked questions about cleanup, lighting; the dad is currently doing the cleanup. ~86 cars; no cars after 1pm
- Dilworth Jill Walker (Dilworth Neighborhood zoning expert) asked for a variance instead of the optional;
- City Council will vote on this rezoning request on July 19th;
- Not sure if there a protest petition on this?

Transportation & Utilities

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

Storm water issue on Greystone

- Storm water issue identified from [Kevin Boyd](#), single family home owner on Greystone; Huge erosion/runoff problem on his property
- Serious storm water / drainage issues that were never addressed with constructions of Town homes;
- Kevin is planning to work as a steward with one of the board members from the Town homes.
- Issues have to be reported to CMUD so there is awareness to this in order to prioritize changes. There have been a number of issues in this same area.

General Storm water

- Why does storm water like to make water go faster and harder... why not slow the water down?
- (Janelle) Ask David Faulkner about this.

Communication & Relations

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

Newsletter Sedgifest

Newsletter and / or General Meeting Active Topic List

- Meeting date: August 10, 2010
- Parks and Recreation Volunteers
- Supporting Local Businesses Social
 - Four Brothers Hospitality are planning to bring food and other goodies. Point of contact: [Haley C. Thompson](#) (Marketing Manager and Event Planner (704) 499-9097) *Andrew Blair's, Angry Ale's, Eat Here Now & Ayrslay Grand Cinemas*
 - This should be open to all businesses
 - See discussing in Other topics
- Approval of Debbie Robinson to the Board

Do we need to remove non-attending members from board?

- Katie Parks and Jennifer Vicks can be removed – they have notified us that they can no longer contribute
- Rob Ford and Chris Byers – they are previous officers and are on the list for this reason

V. *Roundtable*

Other Issues

Neighbor with Big Trucks

- Neighbors have complained about resident on Dover Ave. Appears to be running a business with big trucks out of home – it looks like an industrial site
- What can we do about the neighbor with the big truck?

(Mary Beth) will following up with the new zoning point of contact about this to see what we can do.

Overgrown House across from School

- House on corner of Auburn and Hartford. You cannot see the house due to the trees and shrub over growth.
- Concerned there could be a rat and mold problem because the house has not been maintained.

Supporting Local Businesses Social

Suggested businesses to Contact

1. (Mary Beth) Bill smith–floor finishing
2. (Kate) Cluck-n-Cup (behind old EQ3, old Java Passage) – coffee – serving breakfast and lunch. This would be a good lunch spot too.
3. (Mary Beth) There is a vet. Office right there too.

4. (Kate) - Dr. Tony Peters
5. (Katie) Kai's Kookies & More
6. (Mary Beth) - Sedgefield drug store
7. (REMOVE FROM LIST) Atherton Market
8. (Mary Beth) Ice House
9. (Janelle) Fran's Filling Station
10. (Michael) Common Market
11. (Janelle) The Wine Shop
12. (Jeannie) Juanitas
13. (Jeannie) Four Brothers Hospitality
14. (Mary Beth) Greckos' Steak and Hoggies
15. (Mary Beth) Big Ben
16. (Caroline Kaspar) Mr. K's
17. (Caroline) Sunset Grill (same owner as Las Tapas)
18. (Janelle) Healthy home Market
19. (Janelle) Kicks and Grins
20. (Michael) East Blvd Bar and Grill
21. (Ann) Monsoon
22. (Michele) Flying Biscuit
23. (Caroline) Quips
24. (Caroline) My Townhome
25. (Caroline) Twinkle Boutique
26. (Michael) Snap Fitness
27. (Michael) Realtor
28. Owens

Planning for general meeting (social):

- Set up boarder of tables around the room.
- Have 30 min. general meeting in middle.
- Restaurants can bring snacks (finger foods, samplers), coupons, ~20 people
- Business social networking, refreshments provided.
- Get confirmation from businesses before the newsletter, if possible provide list of attending businesses in the newsletter
- This will be August 10th 7-8:30. Business from 7:00-7:30.

National Night Out

2010 [National Night Out](#) - August 3, 2010

The City of Charlotte's City Council is interested in a list of neighborhoods who will participate.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.