

3-1-2012 Greater Glenwood Neighborhood Association meeting

Glenwood Recreation Center, 2010 Coliseum Blvd, Greensboro, NC

Officers Present:

Mitzi Griffin, president

Nancy Lenk, vice president

Becky Kates, secretary

Lynn Johnson, treasurer

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Police report – [Officer Paul Smith, Glenwood’s Community Resource Officer]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Events – [Ling Sue Withers]

Spaghetti Dinner a success, have raised at least \$500 for GlenFest 2013.

UNCG Alumni Association landscaping project – [Ling Sue Withers]

No details yet for the desired plants to send out. Should have it soon. Would like GGNA to donate tea and water for the work day on March 24th.

Treasury Report – [Lynn Johnson]

Credit union account has been opened (savings account) still need to set up checking. Anyone in the neighborhood can go and open a Greensboro Municipal Credit Union account.

Grove St. People’s Market – [Becky Kates]

Looking for vendors. Becky has vendors wanted fliers for anyone interested.

Holbrook Park Advisory Committee – [Nancy Lenk]

Temporary committee established to address the Holbrook Park situation for the city owned green space on the corner of S. Aycok St. & Holbrook St. Would like the GGNA to support a letter to the city to move the property to Parks & Rec. ownership. Would like to bring the letter to a parks commission meeting in April.

Motion by Alice, seconded by Kay

For – 15, opposed – 0

Brian Higgins has volunteered to draft a letter. Nancy L. will make sure the board has a copy for the board meeting on March 15, 2012.

Community Garden @ Steelman Park – [Kay Doost]

All garden plots have been rented.

Presentation on Code Enforcement – [Lori Loosemore, City of Greensboro Code Enforcement]
Now part of the Planning and Community Development department. Can no longer enforce RUCO (city rental unit inspection program) due to state legislation. Group meeting tomorrow to see if the city can create some other rental property inspections program within the new guidelines set by the state. The Greensboro Neighborhood Congress has a representative on that committee.

Citizens can still sign a petition to have a problem house inspected.

Vehicles: private or public property? Private property - owner has 10 days to prove it's in compliance. They have to prove that it runs.

Housing: The city no longer allows property owners to board up houses – they have to repair or demolish. The city will inspect it. It's not a quick process. NC & Gso does not like to tear down properties. In a perfect world it will be a minimum 90 days for the owner to repair or demolish.

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Can look at current cases and can file a complaint online.

Housing inspectors reduced to 4 due to budget constraints. Ultimately, the city wants the properties fixed.

Jeff Sovich – PCD is working on hiring more housing inspections.

Housing demolition can be expedited if the house is in danger of damaging an adjacent house (like a tree falling.) A burned house, the owner has 10 days to board it up.

What does an inspector need to see from the outside to justify an inspection? – broken windows, rotten siding, damaged roof, missing railings, etc.

What about dead trees? Send a certified letter to the property owner. City cannot make a property owner cut down dead trees unless it is considered a traffic hazard. Can call the contact center.

Bulent Bediz has been served a notice of violation for the cars on the properties from 808 to 816 Lexington Ave. (even numbers.)

Greensboro Neighborhood Congress – [Lynn Johnson]

Never heard anything about it. What is it?

A city-wide group of neighborhood representatives who advocate for issues that effect all neighborhoods.

Fahiym Hanna volunteered to be a representative to GNC for GGNA.

Elections Committee – [Alice Ashman]

Nominations are open – elections are in May. Contact Alice Ashman or Lisa Gagnon.

Preservation Greensboro Discussion

Proposal - Letter from GGNA urging owner occupied for the four PGDF.

Suggestion to craft a friendly, but firm, letter expressing the neighborhood's desire for owner-occupied houses.

They are a non-profit and at least they were saved from demolition.

Jeff Sovich offered to talk with Benjamin Briggs and Marsh Prause with Preservation Greensboro.

Will let GGNA know whether further action will be needed.

Other announcements:

Riz Mart – would like neighborhood ideas for the store. Thinking of having fresh produce. Any other ideas are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35pm