

Minutes for August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Greater Glenwood Neighborhood Association  
7:00 PM

In Attendance: Aboule Agali, Gene Brown, Kristin Cooper, Rick Cooper, Sharon Dockham, Roland Eubanks, Kathryn Morris, Lynn Parish, Libby Scandale, Bob Slone, Judy Slone, Casey Thomas, Patricia Wisneski

7:00 pm Call to order & Welcome

- Kathryn welcomed new faces and called the meeting to order.

7:05 Announce the Committees & Patricia's Singular Position

- Liz Seymour is going to Chair our Inclusion Committee. She is the head of the People's Market, which meets on Thursdays at the same time as we do. They sell food, arts, and other goods mainly during the growing season on Grove St. at Glenwood. She is the former director of the Interactive Resource Center.
- Malachi will Chair the Community Watch Committee.
- Elizabeth Keathley will remain on the board for the next year at least. She was the former President.
- We need to get 7 people on our board, and so Patricia is considering stepping down.

7:10 Mission Statement Wording

- The mission statement was amended to put the pieces on community on top and the piece about beautification on the bottom- to show that our focus is on people, and reinvigorate that work in the GGNA. Casey made the proposal to amend it. Kathryn motioned for a vote. Kristin seconded. The motion to accept the changes below passed 7-0.
  - **Current Mission Statement** *The mission of the Glenwood Neighborhood Association is to conserve and enhance our neighborhood's aesthetic appeal, safety, and community character, including our historic buildings, parks, and open spaces. We seek to promote businesses and transportation systems appropriate to the needs and scale of the community, and to assure that development respects the neighborhood context. The Association is guided by the principles of community, family, diversity, inclusiveness, and balance between individual rights and community needs. The Association builds relationships within the community, promotes neighborhood participation in decisions and activities, represents the neighborhood in interactions with governmental bodies, and organizes projects to achieve neighborhood goals.*
  - **Proposed Mission Statement** *The mission of the Glenwood Neighborhood Association is to build relationships within the community, promote neighborhood participation in decisions and activities, represent the neighborhood in interactions with governmental bodies, and organize projects to achieve neighborhood goals. The Association conserves and enhances our neighborhood's aesthetic appeal, safety, and community character, including our historic buildings, parks, and open spaces. We*

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#### 7:15 Reading of the Minutes

- The minutes were read silently and unanimously 7-0 approved.

#### Treasurer

Kathryn discussed the absence of a treasurer's report and explained that we are still in the process of fully getting the new officers access to the account. We anticipate getting that access in the next month.

#### 7:20 Housing Report

- Kristin noted that the city used to have to give the owner 90 days to rehab, and then the city could demolish it. Now there is a new option, where if the city hires a contractor and finds the house salvageable- the city can put a lien on it, rehab it and then rent it or sell it. She proposes getting together a committee who can assess those homes and propose that the city rehab them.
- Patricia noted that a lot of Bulent's homes are slated to be foreclosed on by the county, and suggested that we have a structure in place for when that happens to prevent just anyone from building any kind of home.
- Kristin noted that this committee would require permission to get on the property, and work with the building department, and get an inspector who is knowledgeable in rehabbing older homes and can perform the assessments.
- Patricia said that when the city does inspections, they videotape, so we should request access to those videos. Kristin responded that yes, but those videos may be older and that other damage may have been done.
- Gene said that if there is a home that is in disrepair with an owner-occupant, the city can help rehab the home. Another option is for his nonprofit or another organization (CHS) can go in and rehabilitate the home.
- Kristin reminded us that this is a third new option. Gene said that a willing party needs to let you on their property. Patricia reminded us that without a willing owner, you are trespassing, and that inspectors need warrants every time they go.
- Gene says if there is a property that has been foreclosed, Gene has some funding to still buy 1 or 2 homes in Glenwood, renovate them, and make them energy efficient and updated- and then resell them to qualified homeowners. Patricia suggested 1602 Bailiff Street, which is in foreclosure- and recommended that home specifically. It's currently pending demolition. Gene responded that a house needs to be about 40% salvageable to be able to save. Roland also suggested 917 Gregory Street.

- Gene did an update on Paint the Town, an event hosted by Community Housing Solutions, which helps preserve homeownership for families that have a limited income and cannot physically do the repairs themselves. They engage volunteers much in the way that Habitat for Humanity does. They select one neighborhood a year to do external work on homes for their Paint the Town event, and Glenwood is the neighborhood this year. They anticipate being able to do 10-12 homes on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Gwen Frisbee-Fulton is interested in getting a group of volunteers in Glenwood, who will be paired with Grace Community Church and First Baptist Church who are also volunteering. You can contact Gwen Frisbee-Fulton to volunteer. There will be a kick-off event on Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at Grace Community Church. On Tuesday & Friday on the following week, two businesses are also volunteering, and volunteers are welcome to attend those sessions as well. To qualify, residents need 80% of the area's median income.

#### 7:30 Police Report

- National Night out was August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Community Resource officer is away this week. There was a heroin arrest in Morris Farlow Park. There has also been a rash of car break-ins. Kathryn noted that people are told to lock their cars, but find that people don't lock their doors because people break windows sometimes to break in.
- Patricia said not to leave valuable things in the car, a backpack, computer, purse. If they have to break a glass it makes noise. If all they have to do is open the door, with it unlocked- but they may not take anything- except perhaps the whole car.
- On Lexington Avenue there was a forcible entry on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and on McCormick St there was an incident involving a weapon—a man was running with a gun. A person was also robbed there. There were two assaults, as well.
- On Holbrook street on July 31<sup>st</sup> there was a motor vehicle theft.
- Kathryn noted that the city is considering working to improve lighting in the neighborhood. Patricia suggested we talk with the people who live there to see if they are interested in having lighting. Kathryn said that people are consulted before the lights go in, and that trimming foliage does good as well.

#### 7:40 Sheldon Smith from Solid Waste

- Sheldon Smith from the Solid Waste Department of the City of Greensboro. He said that the department is trying to increase participation rates in the recycling program. 420 lbs of waste is recycled per household on average. 300 lbs of waste is recycled per household on average in Glenwood. In 2006 there was an assessment that found there was a low "set-out" rate in Glenwood, and so Glenwood is now. Now there is a participation rate of 41% in the recycling program, compared to 68% for the city.
- Patricia asked about the city's revenue generation for recycling. Sheldon Smith responded that the first year, the city made \$900,000. Currently, the markets are not great, so revenue is reduced.

- The department is now trying to zero-in on neighborhoods. In 2006 they had an inspection team of 4 people, and due to budget cuts there is now only one person. They have been using technology to measure to see if people are putting trash in recycling. Patricia suggested also seeing about inspecting what is in the trash that should go in recycling. Sheldon discussed the difficulties of being sure what is going where, especially with most waste being in garbage bags. The department is considering doing a color change for the brown recycling cans. If that happens, the brown cans will be for yard waste, which is where a lot of injuries occur and where a lot of turnover happens.
- Kristin wanted to know what the chances are of getting recycling to come every week again. Sheldon said that that depends on participation, but that it is more likely that she would be able to get another recycling can. They are \$50, but periodically the department does campaigns that provide free recycling.
- A question was raised about why people are not participating in Glenwood. Sheldon said that their department is doing assessments to see who is using recycling and when they are using it.
- Bulk item collection is every other week, and he is considering if it needs to be a call-in service like appliance collection or e-waste. Casey said that she would prefer to not have that because students move out, evictions happen, people move and landlords don't always call to get things removed. Sheldon said that the department does adjust for high-traffic areas.
- Patricia noted that people leave TVs in the woods and other areas. Sheldon clarified that the city does collect them by request from your house.
- Sheldon wants to work on increasing participation in Glenwood. Casey suggested they attend the department send reps to the upcoming events. Libby noted that it would help children to have demonstrations. Sheldon said the team does to got present at all the schools.

#### 8:00 Pet Services

- Project Bark- Bob Slone and his wife Judy attended the meeting. Project Bark was started in 2010, Bringing Animals Relief & Kindness. They started by making free doghouses. They identified an issue as overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats. Once they got financing, they were able to reach out and provide financial assistance to Guilford County pet owners who are receiving gov't assistance or are under the federal poverty guidelines as low income. Bob noted that adoption is not the answer—but spaying and neutering their animals is. They also provide information to people on spaying and neutering their dogs. They have given away 1300 free dog houses. They have funded over 4,000 spaying and neutering processes. It is \$10 for a cat or a dog under 40 lbs and \$15 for a cat or a dog over 40 lbs. They conduct interviews over the phone to determine if people qualify for the program. **They can be reached at 336-965-1059.** If you are in Guilford county and are on food-stamps and all of your pets have been spayed and

neutered, you qualify for free pet food for a year! If the family receives food stamps again, they qualify the next year. Families on food stamps with all pets spayed or neutered also qualify for a free enclosure from an organization that Project B.A.R.K. can connect you to. Project B.A.R.K. also provides limited transportation to get animals spayed and neutered. The organization is volunteer run.

#### 8:20 Events Calendar: Call for Volunteers & Input

- August 20<sup>th</sup> Movie Night (this will also be a fruit festival with peaches, watermelon and other seasonal fruit).
- August 13<sup>th</sup> Backpack Volunteers- 4 different churches are coming to the Glenwood Recreation Center 1 from 8:30 am to 1 to help pass out backpacks and run games, and the other from 1- 6:00 pm to help supervise the basketball tournaments.
- Decide on Date for Fall Festival – Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm  
Buy Nothing Day
- Haunted Hayride for Glenwood- Last 2 Weekends in October with Rudd. Kristin got permission from UNCG to do hayrides starting at their lots on silver. Lynn Parish will help with horror stories. A young man in the neighborhood will also help with providing actors and makeup. Patricia offered that the owner of the Muebleria, who has a tractor and may be a resource. She wants to do it the last 2 Saturdays of October. She is considering partnering with the churches to do a Trunk or Treat.
- Principle's meeting on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> will be on the last Wednesday of August instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of September. More neighbors will be able to attend because the People's Market meets on Wednesday.

#### 8: 40 Call for Volunteers for Block Contact

- This will be tabled until next time.

#### 8:50 Jobfair Update-

- August 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a job fair. 810 Neal Street for the UNCG construction. Glenwood Ave. will be closed for the construction, but we are waiting to hear from UNCG to find out about the exact date.

9:00 pm Adjourned!

September Meeting is August 31<sup>st</sup>