

Minutes of GGNA Meeting February 4, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Keathley at 7 pm. EK requested that participants in the meeting follow Robert's Rules of Order in order to have a disciplined meeting. EK stated that everyone can speak, but keep the discussion moving, please raise your hand to speak, don't engage in side conversations as they are distracting, when a motion is made, the discussion stops, speak to the motion or you will be ruled out of order, in order to take a vote, need to make a motion or to amend motion. Use the process established if someone is out of order. ants

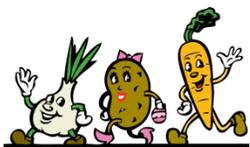
Present: Elizabeth Keathley, Early Smith, Nancy Effle, Nancy Lenk, Burt Smith, Steve Hyatt, Patricia Wisneski, Amy Peddie, Casey Thomas, Steve Arrington, Robert Newsome, John Greene, Daniel Bayeu, Elizabeth Benton (City of GSO), Bulent Bediz

Additional Items were added to the Agenda:

- Grove Street Community Garden Report,
- People's Market Report,
- E-Mail received by Early from Coretta (UNCG Residence Coordinator)

Minutes from January Meeting were passed around for approval. Early Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Amy Peddie seconded the motion. Elizabeth noted that Sharon Hightower's suggestion to meet with the UNCG Chancellor came after the discussion about mediation. She suggested amending the minutes to reflect that change. Casey Thomas made a motion to accept Elizabeth's amendment. Minutes were approved with the change by those who had attended January meeting.

Grove Street Community Garden: Amy Peddie stated that she has taken on the project of coordinating the community garden on Grove Street. There will be a small bulletin board and facebook page and if you would like a plot you should go to the facebook page for more information. They will be working with the County Agricultural folks to get some Master gardeners to come and help so we can all gain more skills.



People's Market: The market has some budget issues and needs to raise funds. Would like some help from the GGNA treasury. They are setting up EBT, getting tents, signage, electricity installation for food trucks. Casey Thomas offered that the Community Foundation is going on now and grant applications should be in by Feb. 26. Early offered to meet with Amy regarding the grant. Casey suggested they attach to a non-profit as it will be easier to obtain funds. The next meeting of the market is Saturday, Feb 27 at Glenwood Community Books from 1pm to 3 pm.

UNCG Service Project: Early reported that she received an email from Coretta Walker at UNCG stating they will be doing a service project at Steelman Park in April. More details to come. In the past they have done some flower planting.

Old Business:

Code Enforcement: Beth Benton from GSO Code Enforcement gave a summary of cases that are current or closed.



Recap for 2015: For Greater Glenwood Area

312 Nuisance/Lot clean up cases were brought into compliance

126 Vehicle cases were brought into compliance

87 Zoning cases were brought into compliance

61 Housing/Rental cases were brought into compliance; 54 repaired, 3 repaired after being upheld for demolition (demolition listing removed), 3 demolished by owner (2 of those were UNCG), 1 demolished by City

Plan for Neighborhood Events: EK asked what process we should use to decide which projects we should do in 2016. This is based on ideas generated at January GGNA meeting and review of events in 2015. Casey Thomas suggests formation of a temporary committee to meet and come back to the group as a whole with ideas and calendar dates. A Temporary Event Planning Committee was formed composed of Casey Thomas, Amy Peddie, Early Smith and Nancy Lenk. Casey will coordinate the time to meet, possibly at The People's Perk Coffeehouse.



Election of GGNA Officers: According to the by-laws elections will be held in May. We are supposed to have a nominating committee to identify potential candidates. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, contact Elizabeth Keathley. If you would like to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary please let Elizabeth know. You can self nominate. In order to vote in the secret ballot election you need to attend 2 of the last 3 GGNA meetings. Nancy Lenk agreed to put this information out on the GGNA Facebook page. (ggnanc)

Transparency, Communication, Outreach

There was a brief discussion about how to communicate better so that more neighbors know what is happening. The By-laws tell us what we are obliged to do but we should strive to do even better. The ideal would be to have all information on our website and to put all documents into the archives on our website. We are limited by the number of people to do things. Casey recommends we ask Nathan R. to help us with the website. Nancy Lenk will follow up.

Reports on Last Design Meeting with UNCG and Update on Mediation

Burt Smith reported that UNCG presented their landscaping plan and the tree canopy. UNCG also provided a survey map with the alleys (this was actually not given at the meeting but sent later and it has been shared on the neighborhood listserv)

Neighborhood Grid UNCG had a drawing that included making McCormick street one way between W. Gate City Blvd and Haywood Streets. GGNA representatives expressed that we didn't want a one way street and we believe it is a violation of our MOU. It was also expressed at the charrettes that we wanted to preserve our neighborhood grid. UNCG's traffic study recommends making it a one way. Patricia W. noted that when you read the MOU the Rec Center was not part of the RVP (revised vision plan). The text in the last line of the written description of the RVP may suffice. Elizabeth recommends we speak with Lisa Gagnon regarding the original language and its intent. Ultimately we said "no" to the one way street.

Mixed Use It was also expressed that no doors open to W. Gate City Blvd. in the new phase. It all opens inward and away from the street. The map shows a loading dock at the proposed grocery store that will be very close to a residence which is problematic.

Neighborhood Marker The Design group also discussed a neighborhood marker for Glenwood. UNCG gave a few ideas all of which were not readily accepted by the GGNA representatives at the meeting. Amy Peddie suggested having a committee to discuss possible designs. Bulent states we have a right to get information from

the university and Elizabeth stated we can only control what we do. Amy said we all need to do a better job communicating. Early wanted to get back on track. Burt made a motion that we want a stone arch as a marker. Patricia seconded the motion. Pat W. suggested we put this out on the listserv and solicit ideas from our neighbors who are not at the meeting. Burt agreed to table motion until we solicit ideas from our neighbors. Patricia volunteered to put it out on the listserv asking for input. Some ideas included a stone column with wrought iron signs or a stone arch. All ideas are welcome. UNCG will be the ones paying for it but it is the least they can do for the neighborhood.

Update on Mediation Bulent asked for his time to speak about reforms. He will put his minute transcriptions from the design meetings he attended on the listserv. He said, “we need to stop their manipulation”. GGNA has requested mediation with UNCG to resolve what GGNA feels are violations of the MOU. UNCG has asked for documentation of our specific concerns. Burt reported that the issue of mediation came up at the Meet and Greet UNCG held at the library. He told the Chancellor that based on meetings with the Design Committee and the GGNA Board we feel we are at a point of unresolved conflict. The most telling issue is the sale of adult beverages. Burt explained that in the past he and Mike Byers talked about having a drink looking out on Lee Street in the new development (now W. Gate City Blvd) In one of the recordings Bulent has Scott Millman (UNCG) admitted he and Mike Byers had some conversations about having alcoholic beverages in the new development. The H&RA market analysis contracted by UNCG in 2012 has 100 references to bars and full service restaurants including a brew pub. The point of this is that we expected this to revive our neighborhood. Even the grocery store, Bestway, is famous for its wall of beer but won’t sell beer in this development. Based on UNCG’s own propaganda we would have full service restaurants and adult beverages and we will hold them to that. We didn’t expect something that would be exclusively “campus” but expected real MIXED use that would include the neighborhood mixing and mingling. Steve A. remarked that they need to show us the state statute that prohibits them from selling liquor or beer. Patricia W. volunteered to research this. Bulent stated that at the time UNCG knew what they could and could not do. Once they got the land they did something different than the promised.

Patricia W playing devil’s advocate asked if we really want a college bar in the neighborhood. We have made it clear in the past that we do not want a sports bar. Elizabeth read the definition of mixed use out loud. Patricia W. says she likes the idea of the market UNCG has planned.

Steve A. wonders if this neighborhood will survive. He said it is disappointing to see how few people are at the meeting. Wants to have a reason why he should continue to invest in this neighborhood and is willing to help make it better. Bulent stated that we need to get more people involved.

Burt is working on a document to give to the Chancellor when Elizabeth and Burt go to meet with him, which they agreed to do. MOU #23 states that Retail development analysis will follow the HR&A report.

Bulent objected to Burt representing him and the neighborhood. Bulent made a motion that “if someone is going to represent the neighborhood he needs to be chosen by the neighborhood” The motion died for lack of a second.

Meeting ended

Submitted by Nancy Lenk GGNA Secretary