

Greater Glenwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2016
7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Kristin Cooper, Rita Dingle, Mitzi Griffin, Elizabeth Keathly, Lynn Parish, Burt Smith,
Monica Stimpson, Casey Thomas, Patricia Wisnieski.

Minutes for Thursday, October 6, 2016

Call to order & Announcements

- Elizabeth requested that we change the address for the bank statements.
- Glenwood residents have \$250 a year access to the UNCG gym. There are also family days at a cost. We will advocate to have the fees be monthly and include free family days on weekends.

Minutes

The minutes were approved and voted on with the following corrections.

- Elizabeth submitted an amendment that Nancy Lenk did make an appointment to meet Kathryn, but that appointment was broken by Kathryn.
- The murder took place at 1308 West Florida Street, not 1308 Glenwood Ave.

Housing Report

- There was no housing report.

Police Report

- There was no police report.

Treasurer's Report

- The Primary Share account has \$666.66
- The Share Draft account has \$2,471.21

Elections

- We waited to do elections because both candidates were not present at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Day Decision

- The poll that went out to ask if people were interested in changing the day of the meeting. 5 said they would rather meet Thursdays, 9 said Wednesday, 2 said either day, and 1 said neither. Elizabeth noted that it would be a good idea to wait until the new year to change the day if we decide to change the day, so that we can canvass and reach out to people. This would be especially good for people who do not use the list serve. Early suggested that we canvas as well. The People's Market will likely not meet until January.
- Patricia moves that we change the meeting date in January to the 2nd Wednesday of the Month. This passed unanimously minus Lynn Parish who abstained.

Migrating the Listserve to Gmail

- We are thinking about changing to Gmail. Mitzi noted that if we do we should put it on the flyers to send out. Elizabeth suggested that we archive documents from Yahoo on the webpage for people can see the history of the GGNA, and can see the transactions that have taken place in the past. At this point Patricia is the only person who can sign on. Patricia noted the difficulty with Yahoo's recent security breaches. Early moved that we change it to Gmail. Burt and Lynn abstain, but Casey, Mitzi, Early, Elizabeth and Patricia said yes.

Fall Festival Budget

- Early has a concern about having nonprofits that allow sex-offenders to use their services having a booth at the Fall Festival because children could be in danger. Casey noted that even though there are organizations where known sex-offenders receive services, there are also many known sex offenders in the neighborhood and we can see them on the sex-offender registry. We would not be able to tell in a public place who was a sex-offender and who was not. Burt noted that if we know that a particular organization allows sex offenders to receive services and that they might have their clients at a booth, we know that there is definitely a possibility we would be putting sex offenders in contact with children. Casey noted that the organization that was causing concern has not RSVPed to participate yet and that they did not show last year, and also that there isn't necessarily a higher likelihood that their clients would be sex offenders, but just that we might know about it. Ultimately, the group decided not to turn the organization away should they request a booth, but to be vigilant around children at events we host regardless.
- A budget of \$1,466 was proposed for the Fall Festival. The attendees suggested the following resources to save money:
 - Kristin has a commitment or 6 dozen donuts for free.
 - Kristin will solicit cider from Sam's Club for the GGNA.
 - Early will solicit a heating pot for cider from a friend.
 - Kristin is procuring over 100 chicken hotdogs from Sam's Club with buns and is donating condiments and a hotdog steamer.
 - Sound System- Casey will solicit from Aaron's Furniture Company, or search for a cheap system @ Super G.
 - Casey will contact the Servant Center to request the use of their electricity so that we can use regular string lights, making our \$200 budget for lights go further.
 - Instead of tape to section off the area for the festival, Patricia will contribute rope.
 - Casey will contact Edwin from the Furniture Shop on Grove if we can use his truck, thanks to Monica's suggestion.
 - Kristin will borrow a cotton candy machine from the rec center.

- With the potential savings due to the steps the GGNA members will take above, the budget could be \$1011. If those cost-saving suggestions fall through, GGNA members are empowered to spend within the proposed budget, which is attached to these minutes.
- Kristin proposed an arrangement with our funnel cake vendor that involves us providing a certain amount of tickets and only paying for what was sold, rather than purchasing it all up-front. Casey will contact the vendor to see if they will accept that.
- We will solicit canned foods for a local food pantry.
- We will also hold a 50/50 raffle, in which people have an opportunity to win half of the funds raised by the raffle.
- We will advertise with yard signs at the following locations: the corner of Aycock St. & Gate City Blvd, Gate City Blvd near Glenwood Ave, Peck Elementary, Glenwood Library, Spartan Village, the corner of Glenwood & Grove, the area behind Peck Elementary, Gregory St, and in front of the Glenwood Rec Center.
- Casey will send out a message to the vendors to bring extra battery-operated lighting that does not involve an open flame.

Monica Stimpson Introduced Divine Intervention

- Divine Intervention, which does community outreach, helps with GED certification through GTTC, and has a pop-up shop. They also have Community Wholeness Events. They have care for every life domain, mental health, physical health, spiritual wellbeing, etc. Carelink Solutions offers Mental Health Rehabilitation and Outpatient Substance Abuse as well. On October 15th they are hosting the Unity Event from 12-5 pm. This is a Kid-Friendly Event.

Neighborhood Zoning & Development Committee & Freeman Mill 2212

- We decided to create a Neighborhood Zoning & Development Committee that will address neighborhood Zoning. There are developers who wish to develop 2212 Freeman Mill and make storage facilities. The land is zoned as residential in the neighborhood plan and by the city. The neighborhood plan was accepted by the City Council in a vote. Kristin Cooper reminded us that the City Council did not have to honor this, and that the Zoning Commission might rezone it. We have discussed getting in contact with the Zoning Commission. Jeff Sovich suggested that we contact them. Lynn Parish said that it is protocol for them to approach us. Them building a storage facility there would be noncompliant with the 2025 plan for the city and with our neighborhood plan. When they apply for re-zoning, notices should go out to surrounding property owners. Elizabeth will call Jeff & find out what Jeff knows. Mitzi noted that the city seems to be actively seeking to infill neighborhoods, regardless of their neighborhood plans. It was suggested that because of the flood plane in the area, they might not be able to build that there. Lynn said that the flood issue has already been looked at, and that he

- has documentation on that plot of property from the previous re-zoning issue that he would share. This goes back to 1997. Previously when we won, there was an attorney and a large turn-out from the neighborhood. Carol noted right behind her house is Franklin Street, which is closed and has never been open. The last time there was a possible re-zoning issue, the city said they had no record of it having been closed. Her deed has it closed. Elizabeth would like to make a committee of three people, and the committee has three people. Currently Mitzi, Nancy Effle and Patricia are on it.
- Elizabeth brought up that we discussed not having the MOU committee as independent if we were going to have the Zoning & Development report. She said this should be voted on by the membership. Burt discussed the last meeting with the chancellor and said that the chancellor said he agreed to mediation.
 - Patricia made a motion to stop pursuing the mediation with UNCG. There was discussion about the motion in which Mitzi discussed the lack of transparency during the design process, Elizabeth and Burt discussed the MOU and how it does not reflect the work the actual development. Rita said that a goal should be that going forward UNCG works with the GGNA. Burt's concern is that if we do not pursue mediation, they will roll all over us. Mitzi said that it's not that people don't care, but just that it's consumed the neighborhood association for so long. Burt recalled that they said Haywood would remain residential, but that Haywood now. Rita said we need to start over and move forward in working on the MOU and has offered. Kristin said that there are folks who she talks to who people who don't want to come because it's just not friendly and there are arguments about UNCG all the time, and it's taking a lot of the organization's attention. Early likened it to a big, fat, ugly monster- that it has isolated a lot of members, but that not talking about the big, fat, ugly monster doesn't go away either. The motion was tabled. Rita Dingle will work with Kristin to pursue mediation.
 - Elizabeth researched mediators and will share that information with the group.

The following agenda items were tabled, and due to the discussion extending past 9:00 pm, we will discuss them at the next meeting.

Car Crashes on Lexington Ave

Food Pantries

Elections* There was only one candidate per open position. They will operate as officers until they are formally installed during the next meeting.