

UNIVERSITY PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting; Minutes of April 25, 2011

Present: Boisvert, Joe; Brown, David; Hall, Lori; Kane, Evan; Mundt, Leza; Norris, April; Sloan, Terye; Sri, Tom; Stewart, Suzanne

Excused: Vedetta, Marie

Guest: Christina/InterAct

Introduction/Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Leza Mundt at 7:35 PM, and she introduced Christina, a representative of InterAct as part of the UPHA initiative to create connection with neighborhood institutions. Christina provided an overview of the services that Interact provides to the Raleigh/Wake County community, and a summary of the many supporting services that are part of the Interact mission – including providing office space for the Raleigh Police Department’s Domestic Violence Team.

Minutes: Action on the meeting minutes for the February 2011 UPHA board meeting were deferred to the May meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Terye Sloan presented the treasurer’s report; she noted that there had been no income last month. April reported that annual renewal of advertising by several individuals would be arriving shortly. A short discussion on need to solicit new neighbors to join UPHA was best means to improve income. David reported that Trees Across Raleigh had inquired about the payment for Clark Avenue tree planting project – he will report back to Trees Across Raleigh that payment will be released this July once the Certificate of Deposit matures. April noted that UPHA bought and installed over 20,000 pet waste bags in various stations in University Park last year, and suggested that this information be provided on the website and in the Spring/Summer newsletter with a request to pet owners to make donations toward maintaining this service – Evan (who is a staff member for NC Dept of Environment and Natural Resources) noted that pet waste is an identified source of water quality degradation for urban streams.

Hillsborough Street Update: Joe provided very detailed report/updates on Hillsborough Street:

1. The NCSU community will celebrate Earth Day in May, and the celebrations will be centered on Hillsborough Street. The University’s annual Art to Wear show concluded the festivities by flooding Hillsborough Street restaurants with patrons after the show.
2. Chipotle Grill will be moving into former convenience store next to New York Pizza.

3. Hot Box Pizza has recently opened in the former Sylvia's location.

DDNA/CAC Meetings: Joe reported that the April DDNA meeting had focused on the city's Unified Development Ordinance re-write, and included presentation by City Planning Department staff. Lori and Leza reported that the meeting of the Hillsborough CAC included a presentation by the developer's consultant team for the 401 Oberlin rezoning (Z-8-11) request. There was a discussion regarding how UPHA would participate in the review of the Z-8-11 case, which is seen as setting precedent for other parcels redeveloping in/around Cameron Village, and also for the City when they establish new zoning district assignments resulting from the establishment of the new UDO. The Wade CAC did not meet in April – no report.

Home of the Month: Lori reported that there would not be a UPHA Home of the Month for May.

Traffic Calming: Leza provided the following updates on traffic calming project:

1. Residents of Barnettler Street (entire section) have collected the necessary signatures, and presented their petition to the City for establishment of 25 MPH speed limit
2. Residents of Everett Avenue from Rose Garden to Oberlin Road have collected the necessary signatures, and presented their petition to the City for establishment of 25 MPH speed limit.

David reported that the City of Raleigh will stripe and install signage for the previously approved bike lanes on Faircloth Street in July 2011.

Cameron Village Development Projects: Joe provided an update on the following items:

1. The Residences at Cameron Village: The project is expected to start construction summer 2011.
2. Chik-Fil-A: The 2-story Chik-Fil-A proposed for the NE quadrant of the intersection of Cameron Street and Woodburn Road will likely be under construction in early summer 2011.
3. 401 Oberlin: This site is directly across Oberlin Road from the Residences at Cameron Village, and at this time is a re-zoning petition, no site plan has been filed. Joe noted that the preference of the board is for the board to form an advisory committee composed of both board members and area residents who have been active in previous city processes involving development. The concerns about this project include building height, transition to adjacent single family homes, traffic impact, land use and density/intensity of future development.

Easter Egg Hunt; Spring Fling: No Spring Fling for 2011, instead a party for the re-opening of Cannon Park is proposed – more details at the May board meeting; Tom reported that the annual UPHA Easter Egg Hunt was a big success - special thanks to Rob Dunn for donning the Bunny Suit and to Marie and Leza for organizing the kid's activities.

Cannon Park: Joe reported on progress of the renovations at Cannon Park – the construction is on schedule, and significant work has been accomplished in spite of the wet weather this winter and early spring. Evan and Joe also reported on the “Climbing Rock” feature, and the rock is smaller than what the Park Master Plan Committee had assumed would be provided. The issue required a special meeting with the Master Plan Committee, the COR Parks and Recreation Department, and OBS Landscape Architects, the City's consultant for the park plan. The City and OBS are researching options and pricing to bring back to the Master Plan Committee – more information expected at the May board meeting.

Emmaus House: Joe reported on his attendance with neighbors of the Emmaus House located in the first block of Shepherd Street from Hillsborough Street. Emmaus House provides housing for up to ten men who have established and maintained sobriety, most often having made this achievement at The Healing Place of Raleigh. Emmaus House is a non-profit entity and their director contacted UPHA to establish a relationship with neighborhood and the board. Joe reported the meeting also had several immediate neighbors of the property who expressed concerns about the placement of this institution near their homes.

Race for the Cure: The annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will come back to University Park on June 11, 2011. The neighborhood has a long-standing tradition of supporting the race, and Meredith College where the event is hosted. The board voted (unanimously) to staff and under-write a water booth along the route of the race where it travels through the neighborhood. Brooks Avenue Church of Christ has made inquiry about hosting the water booth from their parking lot – Leza is going to make inquiry and report back to the board.

Outreach: Evan reported that he had a discussion with leadership at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church regarding possible collaboration with UPHA on matters of concern to the neighborhood.

Board Meeting Schedule: Next meeting will be held May 31, 2011 at East Village.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Joe at 9:50 PM

Minutes Submitted by: David Brown, Secretary (2011-05-02)