

UNIVERSITY PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting; Minutes of March 28, 2011

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

Excused: Sri, Tom

Introduction/Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Joe Boisvert at 7:40 PM, copies of the Treasurer's Report, agenda and February meeting minutes distributed.

Minutes: The meeting minutes for the February 2011 UPHA board meeting were approved (motion Boisvert, second Sloane).

Treasurer's Report: Terye Sloan presented the treasurer's report; she reported no income and results of the annual audit – see attached report.

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

1. Round-A-Bout Art Collective is now open for business, and will host a monthly show in conjunction with Downtown Raleigh's First Friday event.
2. Pan Handling Ordinance: The new ordinance regulating pan-handling is now in effect. In conjunction with the ordinance roll-out, the Hillsborough Street area will benefit from increased oversight by the Raleigh Police Department's Community Policing Team – our contact for this group is Officer Tacano. This effort will be a “boots on the ground” that will be on the watch for the root causes of crime or the perception that the area is not safe.
3. Bedford/Chamberlain: Board members continue to receive input from area residents concerning activity near this intersection – the information is being relayed to the Police Department.
4. Chipotle Grill will be moving into former convenience store next to New York Pizza, and Hot Box Pizza will be opening in the former Sylvia's location.
5. Hillsborough Street Community Partnership: The HSCP will conduct its annual meeting later this month; Joe will attend and represent UPHA.
6. Pack House Pub: The Pack House Pub has changed ownership again, the new owners have made contact with area residents on Vanderbilt Street – Joe will follow up on status of that interaction.
7. Street Renovation: The City has announced that the next phase of streetscape improvements for Hillsborough Street will be from Morgan Street to Oberlin Road. It is our understanding that this section of the street was ranked behind the sections from

Gardner Street to Rosemary Street, and Rosemary Street to Faircloth Street. Joe is making inquiry regarding change in priority/ranking for these improvements.

DDNA/CAC Meetings: Joe reported that the March DDNA meeting had focused on the proposed Front Yard Parking Ordinance, including discussion of creating a “University Overlay District” that would regulate land use near major universities such as NCSU and Meredith College. Lori and Leza reported that the March meeting of the Hillsborough CAC included presentations by the developer’s of the Morgan/Hillsborough project and the 600 St. Mary’s Street project. The Wade CAC March meeting included a presentation on the UDO, a report from Karen Rindge/WakeUp Wake County regarding the transit bonds, and a brief introduction of the zoning case at 401 Oberlin, which is across from the recently approved Residences at Cameron Village.

Home of the Month: Lori reported UPHA Home of the Month for April was near to being announced.

Traffic Calming: Leza relayed that the traffic calming project had the following updates:

1. Residents of Gardner Street and Everett Avenue were working on collecting signatures from residents so that they will be able to petition the City Council to reduce speed limit to 25 MPH speed.
2. There is continuing problem of street signs being stolen; Faircloth at Furches, and Mayview at Gardner are among the missing signs.

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 May, 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 is undergoing review by City staff for site plan approval.
3. 401 Oberlin: This site is directly across Oberlin Road from the Residences at Cameron Village, and a re-zoning petition has recently been filed, and no site plan has been presented. Joe recommends that the board form a committee to track this request and keep the board informed of progress. David noted that his firm was the architect for the project, and that he would abstain from any action by the board on this matter.

Easter Egg Hunt; Spring Fling: Marie reported that most of the planning for the Easter Egg Hunt (April 9, Pollock Park) had been completed. There was discussion on finding an actor to don the Bunny Suit and serve as emcee of the event – which selection of that person is still to be determined. Leza agreed to help with organizing the children’s activities including egg spoon race, sack race, and egg hunt - we need three dozen eggs. April will re-post news of the event on website and send out email blast.

Spring Fling: Joe recounted that the popular “Spring Fling” had not been held in several years – would the board like to re-initiate this event? A short discussion on logistics and planning was held, and the item deferred to the April meeting. Joe noted that Fred Olds Elementary is hosting a Spring Party

Membership: Joe appealed to the board to contact new neighbors and invite them to join UPHA.

Bill Board Letter: The NC Legislature has current draft bill that would strongly affect local control of billboards – as Hillsborough Street used to be littered with bill boards and the nearby beltline would also be affected by modification of the tree-trimming rules for public right-of-way, the board voted unanimously to send a letter to the memberships of the legislature opposing this legislation.

Emmaus House: Joe reported that a non-profit group has bought the property at 28 Shepherd Street, and will name the property Emmaus House. The director of the program (non-profit for transitional housing) has asked for a meeting with UPHA representative and immediate neighbors of the property – more next month.

Outreach: Joe asked the board to consider ways in which UPHA could reach out, interact possibly collaborate with the many institutions (nursing home, churches, schools, etc) on matters of concern to the neighborhood.

Race for the Cure: All agreed unanimously to support a water station for the upcoming Race for the Cure – Joe will inquire with Mary Lynn to see if her yard will be available as last year’s event was most successful.

Trees Across Raleigh: The board re-visited their vote of support to fund 1261.00 to Trees Across Raleigh for the Clark Avenue plantings – Leza made a motion to support, April offered second, and the vote was nearly unanimous, with Joe in opposition. The funds are to be released in July.

Board Meeting Schedule: Next meeting will be held April 25, 2011.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Joe at 10:15 PM

Minutes Submitted by: David Brown, Secretary (2011-04-30), for review at the May 2011 board meeting.