

**Minutes  
OCA Board Meeting  
April 5, 2010  
Home of Rocky Cicatiello, Sherwood Dr.**

**Present:** LaDonnah Roberts (Pres.), Kelly Fitts (VP), Linda Albritton (Sec.), Celeste Burnam (Monnish), Rocky Cicatiello, Kelly Reinhart (Sherwood), Jimmy Cochrane (Audubon), Grant Cochrane (SGA), Jeannie Guthrie (Soc. Chair), Amy Halladay (Oakwood Ct.), Kelly Horwitz, (School Board), Jon McLelland (Alaca), Alice and John Sheffield (17<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

The March minutes were corrected and approved.

**Old Business**

**City Council**

City officials met with Guild's Wood neighborhood association to discuss traffic control options. The city will be conducting traffic counts. Options include closing or making one way designation.

The transportation museum project is well underway. Artifacts have been donated.

The Federal Building should be completed in the summer of 2011.

Twenty first avenue should be open by mid summer.

The amphitheater should open in December.

Shelby Park has been enhanced with new landscaping.

There will be a city vote on Sunday liquor sales will be held on February 22, 2011.

**School Board**

This year the board will use the PEPE evaluation for the superintendent, which is the State Department of Education evaluation tool. The Alabama Association of School Boards will work with this board to define specific goals for this school district. The state is in the process of developing a new evaluation process for superintendents. The City and County Board of Education met together to discuss a joint venture vocational career tech program. The county currently has no money for a facility.

The board voted to go forward with a new facility for the Tuscaloosa Center for Technology for our system.

Three schools in our district have been identified as qualifying for federal school improvement grants, Eastwood and Westlawn Middle Schools and Central High School. If the system does not apply for these federal funds, 25% of state funds can be withheld from these schools. The system will be required to choose a plan from 4 models. Explanations of each model will be given to the board members by the central office staff.

District 4 has an education page on Facebook. School Board meetings and agendas will be listed.

## **Tuscaloosa Historic Preservation Commission**

Cathy Pagani, Chair of the Art Department at the U of A has been appointed to the commission, replacing Jon McClelland.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Social**

Jeannie Guthrie asked for any suggestions for the picnic on April 25. She will bring supplies for face painting for the children.

#### **Long Range Planning**

Kelly Fitts has the membership flyer ready. Flyer, envelopes and picnic notices will be distributed to neighborhood representatives who will put them out in their respective neighborhoods.

#### **Student Government Association**

Grant Cochrane stated that SGA is in the transition phase between administrations. Kelly Reinhart suggested that SGA partner with OCA to encourage student neighbors to become members of OCA.

SGA is working on plans for the gubernatorial debate in September that will be held on campus.

#### **ZBA**

There was a discussion about ZBA membership and the need to have an OCA member on that board. Linda Albritton will gather information on terms of members to determine when the next appointment will be on that board.

#### **Planning Commission**

There continues to be a short agenda for this board.

### **New Business**

#### **Update on meeting with DCNA, Mayor Maddox and City Department Heads**

There has been no increase in crime in the area in the last 14 months.

Construction in the area has caused an increase in traffic. Traffic patrols have been increased in the area.

Smart Code hopefully adopted by the City Council by the end of the year will set certain limitations for the use of the Focus property.

The City Council must give approval for a license for any bar/restaurant.

Residents would have an opportunity for input should a request for such a license be before the City Council.

The city will conduct a traffic count in the area.

#### **Other**

Celeste Burnum suggested that OCA pay for a crepe myrtle to replace the one at the traffic circle on Queen City and 13<sup>th</sup> St. The board voted to allocate the funds.

**Finance Report**

There is \$833.24 in checking and \$2833.07 in savings.

The next meeting will be at the home of Edward Guy in Pinehurst.