

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting August 2, 2010
Home of Martin and Sandra Ray

Present: LaDonnah Roberts (Pres.), Kelly Fitts (VP), Linda Albritton (Sec.), Edward Guy (Treas.), Celeste Burnum (Monnish Dr.), Jimmy Cochrane (Audubon), Linda Ford (7th ST.), Lee Foster (Alaca), Jeanie Guthrie (Soc. Chair), Amy Haliday (Oakwood Ct.), Robin Anne Nelson (University Circle), Martin and Sandra Ray (Druid City) Kelly Reinhart (Sherwood), Melinda Ursic (College Park)

The July minutes were approved.

Old Business

City Council Report

New signage is appearing in our area. The new signs will designate all Historic Districts.

There will be a super numerary position open on the ZBA in September.

If you have suggestions for candidates from our area, contact Councilman Garrison.

School Board

The School Board has a new mission statement. They are working on new goals for the system.

Tuscaloosa Historic Preservation Commission

The Guidelines (available on the city's website, Tuscaloosa.com) should be approved at the September meeting. There are two new members on this 9 member board, Tim Henderson and Neal Whatley.

Standing Committees

Social Committee

Jeannie Guthrie asked for suggestions for date and location for the fall picnic. Oct. 24 was decided on as there is not a football game in town that week end. The location will be Pinehurst Park.

Long Range Planning

Kelly Fitts will work on a welcome letter for new residents. Sandra Ray suggested an information letter about OCA and Historic Districts be given to realtors for their use as they market houses in our area.

SGA

The Give and Go program, which solicits gently used items will continue through August 8th. OCA has made a donation to support this effort.

ZBA

There will be a position open on this board in September. If you have suggestions for candidates from our area, contact Councilman Garrison.

Planning Commission

The Greater Downtown Plan has been approved. There is detailed information about this plan on the city's website.

Other Old Business

AT&T U-verse

Two locations will have U-verse boxes in our area, one by the Power Company utility parking area and another in the Mental Health Parking area. These power boxes will provide TV, internet and phone service through AT&T. Since this company approached OCA with information about location of the boxes, it was decided to pass a Resolution commending the company for working with our organization. Lee Foster made the motion, which was seconded by Jimmy Cochrane. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Blakeney v. City of Tuscaloosa (University Circle)

A homeowner in University Circle claims the house is a duplex. This is being legally challenged by University Circle neighborhood. There has been no resolution at this time by the court.

Railroad Quiet Zone

Teresa Lewis (TDOT) is looking for grant money. She has made a request to Senator Shelby for two million dollars to renovate the city's railroad crossings.

New Business

September meeting

It was agreed that the board would meet on the second Monday in September since the first Monday is Labor Day.

Neighborhood News Blog

The Tuscaloosa News is creating a neighborhood blog and has asked for OCA's participation.

Treasurer's Report

Edward Guy reported that there is \$2,833 in savings and \$1,968.87 in checking.

The next meeting will be at Celeste Burnum's home on Monnish Dr. at 5:30 on September 13.