

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
May 3, 2010
Home of Edward Guy

Present: LaDonnah Roberts (President), Kelly Fitts (Vice President), Linda Albritton, (Secretary), Edward Guy (Treasurer), Robert Reynolds (Chairman), Celeste Burnum (Monnish Dr.), (Jimmy Cochrane (Audubon), Linda Ford (7th St.), Kelly Horwitz (College Park/School Board), Robin Anne Nelson (University Circle), Steve Reinhart (Sherwood Dr.)

The April minutes were approved.

Old Business

School Board

Kelly Horwitz reported that representatives from the Sate School Board Association met with our local board in a work session. A suggestion was made for the local board to define a vision as well as priorities and expectations as part of the process to evaluate the superintendent. Three school improvement grants were submitted. The transformational model was submitted for these schools as it was the least disruptive plan, as it did not require a school to close or an entire faculty to be replaced.

In planning for he Tuscaloosa Center for Technology, a school in Huntsville was visited. There is also a planned visit to a school in Montgomery.

An engineer has been chosen to work on the site plan for the facility.

Tuscaloosa Historic Preservation Commission

The State Ethics Commission has ruled that a person serving on any appointed board cannot be paid for any work coming before that commission even if he/she is reused from the public hearing. After leaving an appointed board, persons will not be able to represent a client coming before that board for a two-year period. This ruling will make it very difficult for architects to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Standing Committees

Social

The spring picnic was a success.

SGA

SGA will again have the “give and go” program for donation and trash collection in August. The board voted to again support this effort with a \$200 contribution.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

A supernumerary position will be open on this board. The next scheduled appointment for this board will be in September. Board members were

encouraged to make suggestions of persons from our organization to serve on this board. Members were encouraged to contact Lee Garrison about these positions.

Planning Commission

The new regulations for subdivisions may be finished in July. Density for future subdivisions will be based on terrain configuration.

There are examples of this type of planning in Shelby County and Montgomery.

New Business

AT&T Uverse Service

Representatives from AT&T, Steve Dunaway and Nathan Epeson gave an explanation about a new communication product that AT&T would like to provide across Tuscaloosa County. The service would include television connection, high-speed internet connection and phone service over internet protocol. They are looking for locations to place cabinets that would house the hardware for these services. These cabinets can be placed on public and private property. They will be landscaped in an effort to soften their appearance. It was suggested that Eric Thompson in the Planning Department be contacted about suggestions for plantings around the cabinets. The executive committee of OCA will be in contact with AT&T officials and be the liaison between AT&T and various neighborhoods.

Game Day Rental Flyers

Flyers have been placed in various neighborhoods encouraging residents to rent out their houses for game week-ends. This is considered to be “transient housing” and is illegal under our current city code. The Planning Department is working on a statement about this illegal practice. It was pointed out in our discussion, that homeowner’s insurance policies may not cover damages under such circumstances.

Finance Report

There is \$1,258.24 in checking and \$2,833.07 in savings.

The June 7 meeting will be at the home of Robert Reynolds on Alaca Place.