

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
April 6, 2009
Home of Edward Guy

Present: Robert Reynolds (Pres.), LaDonnah Roberts (VP), Linda Albritton (Sec.), Bryan Chandler((School Board), Jimmy Cockrane (Audubon), Mike Dodson and James Fowler (SGA), Linda Ford (7th St.), Edward Guy (Pinehurst), David Nelson (University Blvd), Robin Ann Nelson (University Circle), Dennis Standard (College Park), David Wilkins (Dearing Place)

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Old Business

City Council

Lee Garrison sent information that signs for the Historic Districts have been approved by the City Council.

School Board Report

Bryan Chandler reported that the system is dealing with proration. The stimulus money that the system will receive will give a cushion and hopefully there will be no drastic budget cuts. There was a discussion of the magnet program and information/perceptions that may not be factual. He wants all to know he is available to constituents for questions and wants to know concerns of residents in the district. He will be running for the seat that he now holds that was vacated by Virginia Powell.

Historical Preservation Commission

Guidelines and Bylaws are being reviewed and revised.

Dennis Stanard expressed concern about the inability of an appeal process for a property owner affected by a ruling by the commission. There are continuing questions about the city code being in violation of state law. Recently the legal department gave directions to the City Council stating they could not vote affirmative on a negative recommendation from the HP Commission as this would not be in compliance with state law. The current city ordinance states that the city can vote yes or no on a recommendation. Jimmy Cockrane made a motion for OCA to adopt a Resolution requesting the City Council to file an appeal with the Attorney General requesting an opinion on whether or not the city code is in violation of state law. The motion was seconded by Linda Ford and passed unanimously with Linda Albritton abstaining.

Standing Committees

Social

Spring picnic will be May 17. A newsletter with dues request will be sent out. An announcement will also be in the CW.

Long Range Planning

LaDonnah Roberts is working with neighborhood representatives to solicit new members.

SGA

Mike Dodson introduced James Fowler, the new SGA rep. It was suggested that James make contacts to continue the “Don’t Throw that Away” program so students have a way to donate items at the end of the semester.

Planning Commission

A master plan has now been completed for the entire city that calls for retention of green space, facade zoning, landscaping and preservation of creeks and streams.

Railroad Quiet Zone

LaDonnah Roberts is continuing to work with TDOT on this plan.

Finance Report

There is \$5, 628.50 in savings and \$217.16 in checking.

The next meeting will be on May 4, place to be announced.