

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
March 2, 2009
Home of Emily Baker

Present: LaDonnah Roberts (vice Pres.), Linda Albritton, (Sec.), Emily Baker (16th Ave.), Hannah Brown (Dearing), Jimmy Cockrane (Audubon), Mike Dodson, (SGA), Linda Ford, (7th St), Edward Guy (Pinehurst), Jeannie Guthrie (Social Chair), Amy Halladay (Oakwood Ct.), Robin Ann Nelson (University Circle), Steve Reinhart (Sherwood Dr.), Councilman Lee Garrison, Brendan Moore, staff member responsible for Historic Districts in the Planning Department.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Old Business

City Council report

Lee Garrison will be on the August ballot for the City Council.

Reflectors have been requested for traffic islands in our area.

Some islands have been hit by vehicles more than once.

Bryant Dr. traffic problems were discussed. A turn light may be added at Bryant and 12th Ave.

The railroad quiet zone is still in process.

School Board Report

Applications for this new school are due by March 10th.

Tuscaloosa Historic Preservation Report

The Guild's Wood application for Historic District status is on the City Council agenda for March 17th.

Also coming up is the issue of including the property on the southeast corner of Queen City and University Blvd. in the College Park Historic District. There have been continuing questions on this issue about the notification process.

Standing Committees

Social

The spring picnic will be May 17th from 4-6 on Monnish Dr.

Long Range Planning

LaDonnah has a list of all addresses in the Historic Districts which will be useful for our newsletters.

SGA

Mike Dodson was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his service and participation in OCA.

New Business

Brendan Moore of the Planning Department was introduced. He is a long time resident of Audubon Historic District. He has been on the job for 6 months. He is in the process of streamlining and making the application process for Certificates of Appropriateness more user friendly. The Commission with his help is in the process of tweaking the Guidelines and revising the bylaws. He is giving regular follow up reports on projects that have been approved by the Commission. He wants to expand information that is available on line so that information about particular neighborhoods would be accessible to the public. He wants to make himself available to residents living in the Historic Districts to help them understand the application and approval process of applications. This should lead to a higher percent of approved Certificates of Appropriateness.

The meeting was adjourned.