

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
November 3, 2008
Home of David and Amy Wilkins

Present: Robert Reynolds (Pres.), Linda Albritton (Sec.), John Sheffield (Treas.), Don Brown (Dearing), Bryan Chandler (School Board), Jimmy Cockrane (Audubon), Mike Dodson (SGA), Linda Ford (7th St.), Amy Halladay (Oakwood), David and Amy Wilkins (Dearing)

The October minutes were approved.

Old Business:

School Board Report

Bryan Chandler reported that money is tight with a short fall in state revenue but our school system does have reserves. The first through 8th grade magnet program is “on track” for opening in August of 2009. Student population is down from last year but that could reflect students last year enrolled because of Katrina.

Historic Preservation Commission

An addition to an older home in Sherwood was approved. Brendan Moore has been hired in the Planning Department with duties only to the Historic Districts. This should streamline matters relating to these districts. Robert urged HPC members to adopt a chain and post design that could be used by landlords as a car barrier. There were questions about the road closing in the Guild’s Wood neighborhood and their application for Historic Status. Donald Brown agreed to discuss these issues with Rose Marie Childress.

Standing Committees

The Social Committee was commended for the success of the Fall Picnic. Plans are completed for the Walk About on December 14th. Luminary supplies will be delivered to neighborhoods by John Sheffield on December 13th.

SGA representative Mike Dodson reported that SGA raised \$700 for the Preservation Society with its Haunted History Tour. Hannah Brown was helpful with the planning of this event. Email Mike Dodson if you have lighting concerns in our area. U of A and the City of Tuscaloosa are working on this safety issue.

ZBA approved condo status for the apartment complex adjacent to the large home on Sherwood Dr.

Robert reported the Planning Commission’s requirement for sidewalks has been slowed down by the Mayor. Previously, the Commission was able to

require sidewalks on both sides of the road, enabling developers to narrow the width of the street, which saves them money.

Robert met with the city engineer representatives from Almon and Associates which has the contract on the Bryant Dr. project. Robert suggested that a temporary barrier be used on game days to prevent people from parking on the newly planted grass next to the sidewalks. Oak trees will be planted soon.

New Business

Tuscom will host the OCA web site free of charge.

Treasurer's Report

There is \$77023.55 in savings and \$159617.17 in checking.

There are currently 201 family memberships.

The next Board Meeting will be on January 5th at Linda Ford's home at 1527 7th Stt.