

**Minutes**  
**OCA Board Meeting**  
**November 2, 2009**

**Present:** LaDonnah Roberts (President), Kelly Fitts (VP), Linda Albritton (Secretary), Jimmy Cochrane (Audubon), Linda Ford (7<sup>th</sup> St.), James Fowler (SGA), Jeannie Guthrie, (Soc. Chair), Kelly Horwitz (School Board), Robin Ann Nelson (University Circle), Steve Reinhart (Sherwood Dr.), Robert Reynolds (chairman), Jon McLelland (HPC)

October minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

**City Council Report:** Mayor Maddox appreciated the campaign contribution and will continue to support the efforts of the OCA.

Two more crossings will be added to the proposal for the railroad quiet zone which will enable the project to move forward.

**School Board Report:** School Board members have attended orientation in Montgomery.

**Historic Preservation Commission:** The HPC has had a work session to refine the Guide Lines. Criteria for replacement windows have been further defined. Windows must be wood or aluminum clad wood with attached dividers appearing to be solid. A suit has been filed challenging a ruling from the HPC. The structure is on Queen City Avenue. The owner wants to replace the siding. The HPC ruled that the siding must be maintained because of the particular character of the siding and the age of the house.

**Standing Committees:**

**Social:** Plans are well underway for the Walk About which will be on December from 5-7 PM. Luminaries will be delivered on Saturday, December 19. Reminders will be sent by email and postcard.

**Long Range Planning:** We need to work on increasing our membership. Some Neighborhoods need to be conscientious about sending a representative to each board meeting. Our strength is in our numbers.

**SGA**

SGA is involved in a project with Auburn University and the League of Women Voters, to involve more students in the gubernatorial election. Dr. Witt has approved an SGA sponsored gubernatorial debate at the Bryant Conference Center.

## **ZBA**

A condo development has requested a variance for height and set back requirement on Wallace Wade Dr. The setback request would be in violation of fire and safety codes.

## **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission is in the process of updating the codes for subdivisions. The original code was adopted in 1970. There is a push for a sidewalk requirement in new subdivisions. The sidewalk should be graded in such a way to be defined from the drive-way. A green initiative will soften the impact of asphalt by adding green buffer space and encouraging homeowners to plant trees.

## **New Business**

### **University Circle Density Issue:**

OCA will contribute \$300 for legal expenses for this density issue in University Circle. The previous homeowner's use was single-family residence. The current owner claims that the house is a duplex. John McConnell in the city's planning department has ruled that this is a single-family dwelling.

## **Finance**

### **Dues**

Everyone owes for this year unless dues were paid at the fall picnic. An email message with a membership attachment will be sent to remind members to pay dues.