

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
October 6, 2008
Jemison Van de Graff Mansion

Present: Robert Reynolds (Pres.), LaDonnah Roberts (Vice Pres.), Linda Albritton (Secretary), Donald Brown, Jimmy Cochrane (Audubon), Dearing Place, Linda Ford, 7th St., Edward Guy Pinehurst, Ted Miller (Druid City), Mike Dodson SGA, Councilman Lee Garrison

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Old Business:

City Council Report

Lee Garrison reported there is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bryant Dr. project on the Tuesday before the Auburn game. The ceremony will be held on Bryant Dr., by the stadium. Trees are coming soon to Bryant Dr. New Historic District signs will be coming as well. We do not have the total funding for the new Federal Courthouse at this time but there is funding for the park behind the courthouse. This project should be started in 2009. The zoning status of the property on the southeastern corner of Queen City Ave and University Blvd. was discussed. Ted Miller made a motion seconded by Linda Ford for a Resolution from OCA urging the City Council to place property on the southeast corner of Queen Ave. and University Blvd. in a buffer zone while continuing to pursue Historic District status as this property is surrounded by Historic Districts. The motion passed unanimously. In order to support this effort and expedite the process, OCA will pay for the required historic survey and solicit donations from members to cover this expense. It is estimated that the cost will be \$800.

Historic Preservation Report

Linda Albritton reported that the HP Commission now has consistent legal representation from the legal department. All members have been to an ethics training session by the legal department. The new staff person for the commission has been offered the job but the screening process by the City has not been completed. This screening process should be completed by the commission's November meeting.

SGA Report

Mike Dodson reported on several projects:

SGA passed out density ordinance information to off campus students
A Haunted History Tour of particular campus sites will be offered during the week of Halloween.

A campus blood drive will be held.

Pick a property is an opportunity for students to give feed back about rental properties.

University students will be involved in Santa's workshop at the mall.

Planning Commission Issues

There has been continuing discussion in our community about the notification process of our City to its residents when there are proposed zoning changes. Currently only adjacent property owners are notified by mail. TNT has requested that developers be required by the City to meet with residents before proposals come before the Planning Commission. The Mayor is reviewing this process and what TNT has requested and will make a formal response about what the City Council and Boards can do under our current City ordinances.

Density Enforcement

Robert recently met with representatives from the legal department and planning department to discuss effective ways to deal with complaints about violations of the density ordinance. The most effective way to report a suspected density violation is to call 311 with your complaint. Ask for the tracking number, which will enable you to track the status of the complaint. City officials say that most of the time when students are confronted, they comply with the ordinance. There have been a few incidences of a case going to court. It seems that most problems are occurring with out of town landlords.

New Business

The Druid City Historic District is requesting curbside recycling services from the city. Ted Miller made a motion seconded by LaDonnah Roberts for a Resolution from OCA asking the city to support the request for curbside recycling for the largest of the Historic Districts. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.