

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
September 14th, Bryan Chandler's Office

Present: Robert Reynolds (Pres.), Linda Albritton (Sec.) John Sheffield (Treasurer), Donald Brown (Chairman), Bryan Chandler (School Board), Jimmy Cochrane, Kelly Fitts (Audubon), Edward Guy (Pinehurst), Sally Davis (15th Ave.), Jeannie Guthrie (Social Chair), John McLelland (Historic Preservation Commission), Robin Anne Nelson (University Circle), Steve Reinhart (Sherwood Dr.), James Fowler (SGA)

Minutes were deferred until the October meeting.

Old Business:

City Council Report:

Construction of the amphitheater is well underway. The new city parking garage is open. The adjacent park will open in the spring. An option on one restaurant space in this complex is under "tentative" contract.

School Board Report

Bryan Chandler was thanked for his service to this board. He has offered to work with the newly elected Kelly Howitz for a smooth transition to her term.

HPC Report

There were no cases for this board for the month of September. There will be items on the agenda for October. There will also be a work session for this board in late October to refine the current Guidelines and to adopt a set of bylaws. It was suggested that companies that install satellite dishes be made aware that these cannot be placed on the front of homes in the Historic Districts. Distinctive signage will be put in all Historic Districts, which will provide a visible designation of these areas.

Social Committee

The fall picnic will be on October 25th on Monish Dr. from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. City officials will be invited to this event.

SGA

James Fowler reported that 30 passenger vans have been added to the campus transportation system. Students can access a van by calling 346 RIDE in the campus/strip and fringe area around the campus. These vans will be used primarily at night and on the weekend. Students can call for a van to take them to campus and then call again to be taken back to their residences.

The large buses in the transportation system are averaging about 2200 riders per day.

SGA was commended for the Pork and Politics evening held the day before our city's election.

ZBA

John Sheffield reported that a house on Wallace Wade Dr. across from the stadium will be torn down to make room for a five story condo development.

Planning Commission

Robert Reynolds reported that the agenda for the Planning Commission continues to be short, which is a reflection of the economy. This should give this commission time to work on issues such as front yard parking ban for the entire city. This was suggested some time ago but was put on the back burner.

Nominating Committee Report

The following people were nominated:

President	LaDonnah Roberts
Vice President	Kelly Fitts
Secretary	Linda Albritton
Treasurer	Edward Guy

New Business

October Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 5 at the Jemison Van de Graff Mansion. It was agreed that we would invite city officials to our fall picnic rather than our annual meeting.

Other

Robin Anne Nelson raised questions about the pending court case over density issues with a house in University Circle. Since the ZBA ruled that this house is a single family home, not a duplex, she was advised that the neighborhood should meet with the legal department of the city to find out what position the city will take regarding this case.. With this information, the neighborhood can then plan its legal strategy.

Sally Davis reported a density violation on 15th Ave. as well as parking violations. She was given information about how to report this to city officials. Robert Reynolds encouraged all to report violations to 311 each time there is an incident as this provides a record for the city as well as gives residents a way to track what action has been taken after a report has been made.

Tuscaloosa Neighborhoods Together

The Board voted to pay \$25 for OCA to continue membership in this city-wide organization.

Treasurers Report

John Sheffield reported there is \$3,330.43 in savings and \$490.20 in checking. Members will be encouraged via a form in our newsletter, to send dues to a PO Box.

