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**Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)
MINUTES**

Thurs. August 16, 2018, 6:00PM
City Hall Conf. Rm. 337

200 West Fifth Street
Greenville, NC 27835-7207

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Attendance is denoted by an "*" and absentees are denoted by an "x"

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Carolyn Glast - x	1	Garrie Moore - *	1
Barbara Murray - *	2	Joyce Williams - *	2
Ann Maxwell, Chair - *	3	Ann Hamze - x	3
Susan Vickery-Mercer - *	4	Judy Bernhardt-Vice Chair *	4
Sharon Stang - *	5	Brenda Diggs - *	5
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Margaret Hrushesky - *	1	Joe Busby - *	4
Joyce Staton - x	2	Charles Martin - x	5
Vacant	3		

City Staff Present: *Community Development Department:* Director Thomas Barnett, Christi Williamson. *Greenville Police Department:* Lt. Scott Stanton

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ann Maxwell

Ann Maxwell welcomed everyone and introduced the new Community Development Director, Thomas Barnett. He thanked Ann and said that he is looking forward to getting to know everyone and working closely with the board. He stated he wanted to come and observe for a while and see some of the good work that the board is doing.

Ann said that she would like to have introductions since we have so many new members. Everyone introduced themselves. We have three guests. Margaret Hrushesky brought her neighbor Phyllis from District 1. Alise Rowan is the President of Lakewood Pines Neighborhood and is in District 4. Rita Riddick joins us from Oakdale NA, District 2.

Ann Maxwell read a quote: Maya Angelou. "I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel." Ann said that she hopes that she makes everyone in the room feel welcome.

2. ROLL CALL – Christi Williamson

Christi stated that we have a quorum.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Ann would like to add the brochure to the old business.

Motion: Joe Busby

Second: Judy Bernhardt

Motion approved

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 21, 2018 MINUTES

All of the corrections that were sent in via email were corrected on the original.

Motion: Sharon Stang

Second: Joyce Williams

Motion approved

Judy Bernhardt wanted to take a little more time to let the police department know how much they enjoyed the presentation in June. Ann Maxwell said that we can send out a formal letter to the Police Department. Ann will send it on behalf of the NAB.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Limit 3 minutes each

- THREE (3) MINUTES ALLOTTED PER SPEAKER
- FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES ALLOTTED FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE LIAISON LT. SCOTT STANTON –

Christi introduced Lt. Scott Stanton by name and asked that he talk a little about his past experience and what he does at this time with the Greenville Police Department. He said that he has been a Police Officer for 23 years and with GPD for 18 years. His past involved Investigations where he primarily investigated drug and homicide cases. He is now a Watch Commander for Patrol. Lt. Stanton is in charge of all police officers working a shift. At one time there are 20 officers working on patrol.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Discuss the 2018/19 NAB Work Plan and make adjustments –

Ann Maxwell thanked everyone for taking time out of their summer schedule to meet for the Work Plan Retreat. She said that Christi Williamson typed up all of the input from that session. Ann M. also said that we didn't not finish everything on last year's plan and she wanted to know if there were things that needed to be brought over to the new plan for completion. Please look at each aspect of the Work Plan and let us know if you agree with the content, pictures etc. Our

Work Plan starts on page 5.

Starting with Land Use/City Services here is what the board decided on:

“Land Use/City Services”

Goal 1: Address flooding and drainage issues which still seem to be a point of conflict in all districts.

Objective: Educate Neighborhood Associations about the Watershed Master Plan and how it can be used to better understand flooding and drainage problems in our city.

Strategies:

- a. Utilize the watershed masterplan to identify neighborhoods affected by flooding.
- b. Assist identifies neighborhoods in understanding how their flooding problems are addressed in the plan.
- c. Organize an informational meeting to allow affected neighborhood citizens to meet with city engineers and others for questions and answers about these issues.

Motion to approve items discussed in Goal 1 made by Joe Busby. All were in favor.

Goal 2: Decrease the amount of litter in our city and neighborhoods.

Objective: Develop recommendations for the neighborhood associations in each district to support for litter reduction.

Strategies:

- a. Schedule a meeting with the new Recycling Coordinator to learn the details about the new Adopt a Street program.
- b. Encourage neighborhoods to join the Adopt a Street program.

No changes made for this goal

Goal 3: Improve citizen understanding of zoning and development.

Objective: Develop guidelines for citizen involvement in the early planning process and develop recommendations for land/property owner accountability.

Strategies:

- a. Educate the members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board about the development process in our municipality by inviting appropriate city staff to explain the steps in the planning process. (Planning Department, Engineering Department, etc.).
- b. Make flow chart of steps involved including governmental requirements to be met. What can be done with the property? What approvals are needed?
- c. Identify where in the process (flow Chart) home owners/residents/concerned citizens can be involved for input, endorsements etc. Learn the different zoning and rezoning codes so we are familiar with what developers are doing.

Goal 4: Advocate for improved Code Enforcement compliance.

Objective: Educate NAB and citizens about the Code Enforcement process and work with Code Enforcement to identify issues and support improvements.

Strategies:

- a. Meet with the Code Enforcement Supervisor to learn the details about code enforcement, businesses in neighborhoods (licensed and unlicensed), changes needed to make code enforcement more efficient and information for NAB members to share with citizens.
- b. Send information to all Neighborhood Associations and HOA's to explain the reporting process and how City Compass works. Encourage citizens to include pictures when reporting a concern on City Compass.
- c. Encourage all NAB liaisons to inform their neighborhood members about issues and information discussed at NAB with either a newsletter delivered to homes or by email after meetings.
- d. Continue our awards program for landlords/property managers and owners.

Motion to approve items discussed in Goal 4 made by Garrie Moore. Seconded by Susan Vickery-Mercer.

“Public Safety”

Goal: Advocate for infrastructure improvement to address public safety, accessibility and recreation.

Objective: Research public safety issues and resources.

Strategies:

- a. Education and discussion by City Staff about:
 - Lighting
 - Air Quality
 - Walkability
 - Pot holes/unsafe streets
- b. Present concerns to appropriate City Staff and departments.
- c. Disseminate information to neighborhoods.

Motion to approve discussion items on Public Safety made by Judy Bernhardt. Seconded by Joyce Williams.

“Community Building”

Goal: Support and develop Neighborhood Associations to improve the City of Greenville.

Objective: Organize new Neighborhood Associations and revitalize existing ones.

Strategies:

- a. Members of the NAB will write anecdotal evidence about the importance of having a Neighborhood Association. This information can be compiled for distribution in the “Starting a Neighborhood Association” folder.
- b. Members of the NAB will accompany the ombudsman/neighborhood liaisons to neighborhoods that are interested in becoming organized.
- c. Bring a new person to the NAB meeting to learn what we do and get input.

Motion to approve discussion item on Community Building made by Joe Busby. Seconded by Susan Vickery-Mercer.

Ann Maxwell said that we need to make sure everyone is represented on one of the committees. Please be thinking about which one you want to be a part of.

8. NEW BUSINESS

District 4 meeting in October: topics of discussion

Ann Maxwell said that years ago Lillian Outterbridge was on the Neighborhood Advisory Board and made a motion to have a different district meeting each year. During our regular meeting in October we will meet in district 4. Christi has reserved the auditorium at Jaycee Park. What we need from Susan, Judy, Joe and Alise is to figure out what topics you think are most important to the constituents in your district. We also need to give notice and invite people who do not have associations. Ann asked about what type of strategies we need to use to get the word out? Christi said that we need to ask the Police Department to put it on the Nextdoor app and send it to just those neighborhoods in district 4. Joe Busby suggested notifying the churches in the district and getting them to put an announcement in the church bulletin. Some of the Neighborhood Advisory Board members said that they can walk their neighborhood and also use the email lists they have for their Neighborhood Association.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

At next month's meeting we will finalize the work plan and then we also elect chair and vice chair. Ann Maxwell is currently Chair and Judy is Vice Chair. Joe Busby asked what their term limits were. Both Ann Maxwell and Judy Bernhardt have only served a year and could serve a second year.

Brenda Diggs wanted to know how everyone felt about the new National Night Out (NNO) set up. She said that she felt it wasn't as much about the neighborhoods. She said that very few of her neighbors drove all the way to the location for her area.

Alise Rowan went to Five Points and she said it didn't feel like NNO but more like a food truck rally. She said it was so crowded and more like a Free Boot Friday.

Margaret's friend Phyllis said that she is very glad to be a part of NAB and would love to come back. Margaret said that the NNO was very different this year. It didn't really seem like a neighborhood event. She also announced that their park at West Point will have the ribbon cutting ceremony coming up at the end of August. She will let everyone know the specifics. Phase 2 of this project is the building associated with the park but it has not even started yet. We really would like for the City to approve this part. Margaret said that it is very exciting for everyone in the area.

Garrie Moore said the he is a new board member and he is glad to be here.

Susan Vickery-Mercer was out of town for NNO. She is glad to be a member as well.

Sharon Stang did not attend NNO. She missed out because she couldn't get anyone in her neighborhood to go. She announced that her neighborhood received the Neighborhood

Improvement Grant from the City for \$750 to fix, clean and landscape the two entrance signs at Belvedere Neighborhood.

Joyce Williams said that she attended NNO and only two others from her neighborhood went. It was overwhelming. She said that there were too many people and it was located too far from her neighborhood. The feeling of community is missing. The Cambridge Neighborhood cookout was a success.

Joe Busby said it was his first NNO in Greenville. He is excited to be a member of the NAB.

Barbara Murray said that her association is very new and they are addressing issues in their neighborhood. They are still learning how to be a neighborhood association.

Christi Williamson set up a tent at the NNO for NAB at Five Points and had many visitors. She was able to give out materials to the citizens of Greenville and had a map where people could pin their neighborhood.

10. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Susan Vickery-Mercer Second: Sharon Stang

Motion Passed

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christi Williamson, Neighborhood Liaison