

Thursday January 20, 2022 6:00 PM  
 ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

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
VACANT - X	1	VACANT - X	1
Barbara Murray - *	2	Joyce Staton - X	2
Ann Maxwell, Vice Chair - *	3	Ann Hamze, Chair - *	3
Vickie Whitehurt - *	4	Alise Rowan - X	4
Sharon Stang - *	5	Vacant - X	5
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
VACANT - X	1	Susan Vickery-Mercer - *	4
Belinda Nolen - X	2	Vacant - X	5
Addison Cox - *	3		

City Staff Present: Tony Parker, Neighborhood Liaison; Ashley Gaskins, Communications & Marketing Assistant

**1. Call To Order:** Ann Hamze, Chair

**2. Roll Call:** Tony Parker, NAB Liaison

A quorum was established.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Sharon Stang made a motion to add a slot to discuss Crypto-mining. Ann Hamze refined the motion to include, “it will be placed after item #7 “Slate of Offices”. Ann Maxwell seconded. Motion was approved.

**4. Approval of November 18, 2021 Minutes**

A motion was made by Ann Maxwell and seconded by Susan Vickery-Mercer to approve the minutes. Motion was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. Social Media:** Ashley Gaskins, Communications & Marketing Assistant

Ms. Gaskins is the city's social media expert. She shared a PowerPoint presentation on how social media can aid the NAB.

- The NAB would like to reach out to as many people in Greenville with the goal of recruiting Neighborhood and Homeowners Associations to join the NAB
- Nextdoor and Facebook reach the most citizens
- Recommends NAB use the city social media accounts to get out their information
- NAB would send draft posts to Tony Parker, Neighborhood Liaison ●

Public Information Office would give final approval and post NAB message

## **6. Neighborhood updates**

College Court/Coghill - Ann Hamze

- Neighborhood association is in the process of recruiting new members.
- Database of the 250 homes in the neighborhood has been updated. There has been approximately 40 homes that have changed occupants in the past year.

Colonial Heights - Addison Cox

- Continue to use Nextdoor and Facebook to communicate ● Ring doorbell camera has been used in conjunction with GPD ● New Mexican/seafood restaurant opened in area

Oakhurst Neighborhood - Susan Vickery-Mercer

- Small neighborhood with approximately 25 homes
- Neighborhood association recent events have focused on activities for the children
- Current issue: cars with loud mufflers driving through after midnight

Carolina East - Sharon Stang

- No in person meeting since pandemic
- Communication is through Nextdoor, neighborhood Facebook, and email

- Recent issue: homeless setting up camp in the wooded area on the perimeter of the neighborhood
- GPD Neighborhood Policing Unit resolved this issue
- Neighborhood Policing Unit's phone #: (252) 329-3496

Oakdale - Barbara Murray

- Neighborhood Association's Treasurer and Secretary have resigned ●
- Recent issues - cars with loud mufflers racing through neighborhood ●
- Homeless person living in a car near the park - GPD resolved issue ●
- N/A meetings are held in the park
- Last meeting was in November
- Plans for next meeting: March 2022

Forest Hills - Vickie Whitehurst

- Christmas Luminaries were set out this holiday season ●
- Several homes have sold
- A few of the new owners cut down 100-year-old trees which upset many residents

Tar River/University - Ann Maxwell

- Update will be made at next NAB meeting

## **7. Slate of Officers**

- A motion was made by Vickie Whitehurst and seconded by Barbara Murray to extend current officers' term until September 2022. Motion was approved.

## **8. Crypto-mining Discussion**

- Should the NAB advise City Council on NAB's concerns for setting up zoning districts for this industry?

Unknowns:

1. Location of the crypto-mining facility
2. Wording of the text amendment

Pros:

1. Facility will greatly increase GUC revenues
2. 15 full time jobs

Cons:

1. Electricity - facility uses an enormous amount, increasing greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere
2. Noise pollution - facility runs fans and a/c unit 24/7 to cool computers creating unbearable noise
3. Number of jobs created and tax revenue is negligible
4. Industry does not produce a tangible product, but a virtual currency that is used in criminal activity

- Encourage neighborhood associations to inform their membership of this issue; and, ask individual residents to write letters to their Council member

## **9. Public Comments**

- Winterfest at Wildwood Park has been postponed to February 4-6, 2022

## **10. Announcements**

- Eppes Recreation Center is open for use. Parking is limited. The completion date for the building in March 2022 and the pool is June 2022.

• Lisa Kirby, Public Works Department's Director of Engineering, is scheduled to give a presentation on "Neighborhood Greenway Trails" at NAB's February meeting. **11. Next Meeting**

## **Meeting**

- February 17, 2022

## **12. Adjourn**

- A motion was made by Sharon Stang and seconded by Vickie Whitehurst to adjourn. Motion was approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Stang  
District 5 Board member