



**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011 @ 6:30 PM  
CITY HALL, ROOM 327  
200 WEST FIFTH STREET**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Members present are denoted by an “\*” and members absent are denoted by an “x”.

NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
VACANT	1	Vivian Kennon x	1
Lillian Outterbridge, Vice *	2	Rodney Bailey *	2
Ann Maxwell, Chair *	3	Vince Bellis *	3
Rick Smiley *	4	Caroline Doherty x	4
Melissa Tilley *	4		
Jane Munson *	5	Brenda Diggs *	5

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS/LIAISONS PRESENT:**

NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Laura McKenna	3	Bill Whisnant	4
Scott Hucks	4	DeDe Carney	5
Stacy Jarrell	4		

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Merrill Flood, Director of Community Development; Laura Searfoss, Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman; and Gwen Turnage, Administrative Secretary

**MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS:**

- I. **ROLL CALL**—Quorum was established
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—June and July
  - Motion: Rick Smiley
  - Second: Stacey Jarrell
- III. **DR. HUR’S PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**  
 Dr. Misun Hur of East Carolina University summarized surveys conducted in six neighborhoods throughout Greenville. Reports from her presentation are available from Laura Searfoss.

**MOTION FOR THE GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE A COPY OF DR. HUR’S REPORT:**

Motion: Brenda Diggs

Second: Vince Bellis

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. Findings from Red Oak Neighborhood Association meeting**

Several action items from the meeting were completed, including the Public Works Department installing “No Parking” signs near Peed and Memorial drives. Residents seemed pleased about the meeting’s outcome.

The Oaks Neighborhood Association will host the District 5 meeting in October at the Boys and Girls Club of Pitt County.

##### **2. Report on National Night Out**

National Night Out was an excellent networking and publicity opportunity for the NAB. The board members suggested participating in Freeboot Fridays or the Umbrella Market.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. NAB statement about nightclub-neighborhood separation modifications**

The following comments were made about the proposed change to the ordinance that requires a 500-foot separation between nightclubs and single-family residential areas:

Danny Short—was concerned about gangs, shootings, problems within the neighborhood after the club closes.

Pat Daniels—mentioned that she had spoken with Councilmember Rose Glover about the nightclub. Ms. Daniels also spoke with about 30 families who knew nothing about the nightclub, and she plans to gather signatures in opposition to the club.

Gerty Nichols—went out to speak to people in the neighborhood and most did not know about the nightclub.

- The City needs to make a clear statement and stick to the ordinance.
- If they change the footage for this request, it may open a door to further decrease the footage.
- Noise carries a lot at night.
- It’s not only the club, but who the club attracts.
- People come through the neighborhood after the club closes.
- You can’t blame the people from out of town. They may not know that there is a neighborhood in the area where the club is located.
- The club owner already has an issue with the Greenville Police Department.

After considering the proposed alternatives, the NAB feels strongly that the current separation ordinance does not need to be altered. In addition to endorsing Alternative 4, the NAB asked City Council to consider the following additional recommendations:

1. The spacing requirements should include all permitted residential dwelling and zoning districts (compared with single-family residential areas).
2. The spacing requirements should be measured from lot-line to lot-line (compared with building to lot-line).
3. The spacing requirements should be increased to a distance greater than 500 feet.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT COMMENTS AS WRITTEN, WITH ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Motion: Vince Bellis  
Second: Brenda Diggs

**2. District 1 recruitment**

Because of new City Council districts, there is an open seat in District #1. If anyone knows a person who wants to serve on the board from District 1, please let Laura Searfoss, Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman, know.

**3. Neighborhood Liaison report**

**2011 work plan priorities**

Ms. Searfoss shared the top four work plan priorities with the board. She asked the board to think of specific projects to accomplish these priorities and to be prepared to share them at the September's NAB meeting.

**Neighborhood Symposium**

Ms. Searfoss asked the board to be prepared to discuss ideas for the NAB's annual Neighborhood Symposium, including a date, location, publicity, topics, and format, at its September meeting.

**Organization assessment introduction**

Based on informal feedback she's received, Ms. Searfoss plans to distribute a survey to understand how the NAB feels about its current mission and operations at the NAB's September meeting.

Marketing materials from the Public Works Department about its recycling program were available for people to bring back to their neighborhoods.

**4. Public Comment—None**

**5. NAB Comment**

Ann Maxwell, chairperson, suggested three possible topics for the symposium: SpeakUp, Stop Crime; the intermodal transportation center; and human trafficking.

Lillian Outterbridge, vice-chairperson, asked if she could get a map of which streets the City of Greenville and NCDOT maintain. She is especially interested in Greenville Boulevard and William Road.

**VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Vince Bellis  
Second: Lillian Outterbridge

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Laura Searfoss,  
Neighborhood Liaison Ombudsman  
*Community Development Department*