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### Neighborhood Advisory Board MINUTES

Thurs. Feb. 20, 2014 @ 6:30PM  
City Hall Conf. Rm. 337

200 West Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27835-7207

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NAME	DISTRICT
Carolyn Glast *	1
Betty Hines *	2
Ann Maxwell *	3
Lisa Wilbourne *	4
Sharon Stang, Vice Chair *	5

NAME	DISTRICT
Kim Carney *	1
David Douglas *	2
Laura McKenna *	3
Caroline Doherty *	4
Brenda Diggs, Chair *	5

#### ALTERNATE MEMBERS & LIAISONS:

NAME	DISTRICT
Margaret Hrushesky	1
Harry Stubbs	4
Vince Bellis	4

NAME	DISTRICT
Misun Hur	5
Blythe Tennent	4

#### CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Community Development Department: Merrill Flood, Seth Laughlin, Gwen Turnage, Carl Rees and Tiana Keith; Police Department: Joe Friday;

City Council: Councilmember Rick Smiley

- I. **Call to order** – Brenda Diggs, Chair
- II. **ROLL CALL** - A quorum was established
- III. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion:** Caroline Doherty      **Second:** Sharon Stang  
Motion Passed
- IV. **Approval of Minutes Approval of Minutes** – January 16, 2014  
**Motion:** Carolyn Glast              **Second:** Caroline Doherty  
Motion Passed

## V. Old Business

### A. Order of the Board's Structure

Only NAB members and liaisons sitting in for absent NAB members may vote.

### B. Subcommittee Progress Reports

#### a) Membership/Outreach Committee – attachment #1

*Misun Hur* provided a brief update on her student's role with the symposium. Her students will be assisting her with the creation of "picture this" posters for display at the symposium. If there are neighborhoods that would like a poster for display during the symposium, please let Misun know so that she and her students can start working on this project early. Brenda stated that those interested should see Misun after tonight's meeting.

#### b) Publicity Committee – attachment #2

*Sharon Stang* updated everyone on what areas of the media will cover. There will be extensive coverage for; television, radio, newspaper, online, and flyers/save the date post cards. Sharon requested people to contact her if they have knowledge of additional media coverage for the 2014 symposium.

#### c) Symposium Committee – attachment #3

*Blythe Tennent* provided an update on the symposium activities. There will be two sessions for attendees to attend during the symposium. (1) Balancing Neighborhood Preservation and Development - Dr. Jerry Weitz  
(2) Community Involvement Gets Results - Linda Coleman. A request asking attendees to choose one of the workshops will be on the registration form. *Caroline Doherty* passed out and discussed the awards to be given at the symposium. One nomination per award will be permitted and forms will be generated directly to Gwen and Seth once completed and submitted online. Gwen will place all four forms online to include all the information noted above.

## VI. New Business

A. Neighborhood liaisons will be asked to attend a voting session during lunch, at the symposium, to vote for new NAB members.

## VII. Other

### A. Member/Liaison Reports Comments

- a) Harry Stubbs addressed the board with an update concerning the Police data input. Greenville PD has agreed to provide a crime data as requested by the board.
- b) Caroline Doherty announced that the proposed Caboose Project for the Elmhurst campus is no longer being pursued as it did not meet city zoning codes.
- c) Ann Maxwell asked the group if they wanted to take the same stand on the 3-unrelated topic as they did before. Landlords are seeing the TRUNA neighborhood as a business, and TRUNA would like for the occupancy

standards to be consistent citywide. Ann also stated her neighborhood does not want the four unrelated to be in one neighborhood, but citywide.

- d) Carolyn Glast stated that all neighborhoods have the same problem.

**A MOTION THAT WE CONTINUE WITH THE NAB'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE THREE UNRELATED PEOPLE IN HOMES CITYWIDE.**

**Motion:** Ann Maxwell    **Second:** Laura McKenna  
Motion Passed

**Discussion:**

The NAB members will meet outside the regular committee meeting to discuss this matter. The NAB will establish a committee for this task. Ann Maxwell's motion is referenced from a motion taken during the July 18, 2013 NAB meeting, which the board wrote a letter to the Greenville City Council referencing the 3-unrelated rule.

- e) Brenda Diggs announced the following:
- 1) The Police Academy will begin on March 4<sup>th</sup> and runs for ten weeks. Contact Lieutenant Susan Bass @ (252) 329-4339 or [sbass@greenvillenc.gov](mailto:sbass@greenvillenc.gov).
  - 2) The Citizen's Academy will begin on March 25<sup>th</sup> and runs for six weeks. Registration is \$25 and limited to 25 people. Application for the Citizen's Academy needs to be turned into PD by March 11<sup>th</sup> and are available online or you may call the citizen's action line at (252) 329-CITY.
  - 3) Spring Cleanup is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. The kickoff will commence at 8:00AM at the Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center. The city will provide shirts, bags, and gloves. Those planning to volunteer needs to make arrangements in advance by contacting Code Enforcement Officer AJ Basile at (252) 329-4114.

**B. Staff Report**

- a) Sgt. Joe Friday from the Greenville Police Department made a presentation on "Focus Deterrent". Focused deterrence strategies (also referred to as "pulling levers" policing) are problem-oriented policing strategies that follow the core principles of deterrence theory. The strategies target specific criminal behavior committed by a small number of chronic offenders who are vulnerable to sanctions and punishment. Sgt. Friday explained that the police department will try to assist such criminals with behaviors and help them get their lives together. If criminals choose not to accept the offer from PD, then PD will enforce the law to the fullest extent. Sgt. Friday encouraged everyone to Google Focus Deterrent for more information.

- VIII. Public Comments** - Limit 3 minutes each  
Two citizens had comments during the public comments period.

- 1) *Andrew Morehead*, President of the TRUNA Neighborhood Association; Mr. Morehead stated to the committee that the TRUNA neighborhood strongly feels that there should be responsible landlord and tenant behavior; they want balanced neighborhoods; the neighborhood is 85% rental and twice as likely to be a victim of violent crimes and/or property crimes than homeowners; homeowners serve a valuable role in the community such as keeping an eye on neighbor's property while they are out of town; the four unrelated issues should have no fundamental difference than any other property such as conversion of properties to rental property and; the rumor that the homeowners in TRUNA do not like student is not true. The legal issue is the constitutional protection which is fair and equal treatment.
- 2) *James Robbins*, a renter and landlord in the TRUNA area also spoke concerning rental properties in the TRUNA area. He is not of the opinion that rental properties are all boarded up and crime rate for rentals contributes to the crime rate in the area.

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

**IX. ADJOURN**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Carolyn Glast    **Second:** Caroline Doherty

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Seth Laughlin, Planner II

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