



Neighborhood Advisory Board MINUTES

Thurs. Sept. 18, 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 x	4
Sharon Stang, Vice Chair x	5

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

Alternate members present in the absence of board members are listed below.

NAME	DISTRICT
Blythe Tennent *	4

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Community Development Department: Tiana Keith, and Gwen Turnage

- 1) **Call to order** - Brenda Diggs, Chair
- 2) **Roll Call** - A quorum was established
- 3) **Approval of the September 18, 2014 Agenda**

Motion: Blythe Tennent **Second:** Ann Maxwell
Motion Passed

- 4) **Approval of the June 19, 2014 Minutes**

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

Approval of the August 21, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Blythe Tennent **Second:** Carolyn Glast
Motion Passed

5) Community Garden Presentation - Beth Wall-Bassett

Beth and Tiana recently attended the American Community Gardens National Association in Chicago. Beth, employed with East Carolina University has a background in nutrition and community gardens. She explained that the West Greenville Community Garden began in 2010 with the flood buyout land on 910 Douglas Avenue. Beth explained how to start a community garden, maintenance of the garden and ownership of the garden. Currently there are seven community gardens located throughout the City of Greenville. The gardens are maintained by various groups of people such as the Boys and Girls Club, after school groups and senior citizen's clubs. Although a garden is planted by a specific group, it important that the public know that the proceeds from the gardens are not limited to the group that initiated the garden, but is shared with those that live in the community and the general public. Community garden is an effort to bring neighbors together, reduce crime rate, educate the public on the health benefits, and instruct the community with healthy eating lifestyle. Those interested in starting a community garden should contact Beth at wallbassette@ecu.edu or (252) 737-2413.

6) NAB Work Plan - Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison

- A draft of the 2014/2015 was distributed and discussed. For additional copies of the draft NAB Work Plan please contact Tiana Keith at tkeith@greenvillenc.gov.
- Additional community meetings will be scheduled for districts interested in conducting a meeting in lieu of a normal monthly NAB meeting. Communities interested in having a meeting are responsible for distributing flyers, and disseminating information to surrounding neighborhoods.
- In the past community meetings have been held for districts 2, 4 and 5. Neighborhoods without associations will be encouraged to attend community meeting.
- The Director of Recreation and Parks will need to approve the board having meetings at city owned centers for the community meetings. Tiana will meet with Gary Fenton to determine the availability of city buildings.

7) Old Business – No report

8) New Business – No report

9) Committee Report

- A. Membership Outreach – No report
- B. Symposium Planning – Blythe Tennent distributed minutes from the Symposium Committee that met on September 8, 2014. The main discussion was that the NAB forms a committee that would be responsible for monitoring applications submitted to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and the Board of Adjustments (BOA). A suggestion was made that the NAB request from city staff to reestablish the process of making available to the NAB members items submitted to P&Z and BOA on a monthly basis. Tiana will provide information from city staff regarding this topic at the next meeting. Additionally the committee discussed topics for the 2015 symposium.
- C. Sustainability – The committee did not meet in September.

10) Other

- A. Member/Liaison Reports Announcements –
 - Blythe’s neighborhood had a bake sale last Saturday, September 13th.
 - Dede Carney shared that the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau has a new app that will allow NAB to place their monthly meetings on the app. They also have a running event calendar for announcements.
 - Watershed Master Plan is still collecting surveys.
- B. Staff Report – Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison
 - Next month the NAB will hold its official election for officers.
 - New board members will be announced at the next board meeting.

11) Public Comments - Limit 3 minutes each

THREE (3) MINUTES ALLOTTED PER SPEAKER – **NO ONE SPOKE**

FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES ALLOTTED FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

12) ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Blythe Tennent **Second:** Laura McKenna

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison Ombudsman

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