

Minutes  
Executive Council  
University Hill Neighborhood  
19 May 2008

Meeting was called to order by Marc Manos at 6:15.

Present were Ward Briggs, Kathryn Braun Fenner, Tom Gottshall, Miranda Morrison Hagen, Peggy McMaster, Marc Manos, John Stucker.

The minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Guidelines: (Briggs) The Commission approved the UNADC Guidelines with the amendment that power washing not be used on the wooden siding of houses.

Marc will reproduce 50 copies of the Guidelines.

Ward will post text on the website.

Five Points South: (Fenner) The City Council hearing heard testimony and opinion from all sides, the vote will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> and things look positive.

Safety: (Manos) Kathryn will take over Jeff's role as Safety Chair. They will meet Tandy Carter (Police Chief) and Mike Johnson (Captain in charge of our region) and Ernie Ellis (USC Police Chief). Tom reported robberies of waiters at Harpers. Miranda's bicycle may have been stolen by a homeless person.

Miranda will be communications director. She will start with a newsletter for landlords and tenants and then something for newcomers. She will review e-newsletters and newsletters from other neighborhoods.

Zoning: Hampton House manager has been called and will clean it up. Setback issue at 1020 Henderson: we support a variance for hardship.

Resolution: (Gottshall; second Stucker) That the University Hill Neighborhood Association requests that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant to 1020 Henderson St. a variance permitting the north side of the residential structure to encroach approximately 6 inches into the northern side yard set back zone. The new structure, upon investigation, was erroneously built these few inches into this set back zone. Nonetheless, the University Hill Neighborhood is very pleased with the units constructed as infill on site, to replace a structure which was previously destroyed by fire. The design of the newly constructed building was influenced by input from the Neighborhood and from Amy Moore at the city, and although the Neighborhood was unaware of the unfortunate set back transgression, the Neighborhood believes the structure as built outweighs the error made. To require demolition of the residential structure at this point constitutes a hardship to the neighborhood as well as to the owner. Consequently, the grant of a

variance here for the slight side set back encroachment is respectfully requested of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the basis of this hardship. This request is not to countenance set back violations but only to remedy this particular situation. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Peggy is still pursuing the appeal that more than three in a dwelling is unconstitutional. This would affect the entire city if there is no limit to how many people can occupy a dwelling unit.

Parking: No report as Charlie Hiott was absent.

Code Enforcement Task Force (Fenner): An ordinance against indoor furniture, including upholstered furniture, cardboard, building supplies, auto parts, etc. being on porches or terraces passed through the Code Enforcement Task Force. Jerry Thompson is new building inspector.

700 Pickens Street: Roll carts are not being taken in. Stucker: We must make sure the managers have a resident manager who will keep the property up. The management company has been very negligent. The builder Charles Smalls has not been responsive to complaints. Marc will draft a letter to Charles Smalls, Carmen Floyd, Fire Marshall, Mark Mylotte development services, zoning & code enforcement

12 Gibbes Court: Willis Bethea house is rented to four students. Trash has been a recurrent problem. Miranda will draft a letter for Marc to send to landlord and Jerry Thompson and Mark Mylotte.

1800 Greene: City can proceed against property if the negligent landlord is in jail.

Treasurer (Kathy Froneberger absent) \$438 in dues received last month; 79.64 for postage and \$113.82 expenses for the semi-annual meeting. A balance of \$3679.60.

Special Projects: (Stucker) Laurens & Greene landscaping is finished.

Greene Street Walkabout : (Manos) The next will be May 22 at 8:30 A.M.

Old Business: Ward will draft letter on behalf of Cynthia Wagonner.

Resolution (Stucker; second Gottshall) The Executive Council of the University Hill Neighborhood Association thanks Anne M. Sinclair for her twenty years of service on the Columbia City Council. Her vision and leadership have helped to advance the quality of life in the Capital City over the past two decades. We are grateful for all the support and assistance she has given our neighborhood and all the other neighborhoods of the Third District and we commend and recognize her contribution to the City and its neighborhoods. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.