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Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thurs. Feb. 18, 2016 @ 6:00PM
City Hall Conf. Rm. 337

200 West Fifth Street
Greenville, NC 27835-7207

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
Carolyn Glast - *	1	Kim Carney - x	1
Betty Hines, Chair *	2	David Douglas - *	2
Ann Maxwell - *	3	Laura McKenna *	3
Blythe Tennent Vice Chair - *	4	George Hamilton - x	4
Sharon Stang - *	5	Brenda Diggs *	5
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBERS			
NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Charlotte Smith - x	1	Merry Sandra Kennedy - *	4
Twinnia Dennis - x	2	Misun Hur - *	5
Vince Bellis - x	3		

City Staff Present: *Community Development Department:* Tiana Keith, & Gwen Turnage; *Police Department:* Chris Viverette, Code Enforcement.

1. Meeting Called to Order – Betty Hines, Chair
2. Roll Call – Gwen Turnage
3. Approval of the Agenda – February 18, 2016

Motion: Ann Maxwell Second: Carolyn Glast

Changes made to the agenda are listed below:

1. Add "For love of Greenville" will follow in Old Business as item "C."
2. Horizons Report will follow in Old Business as item "D."
3. Remove January 21, 2016 minutes from the agenda. Minutes are not available tonight.
4. Add "Sustainability" in item #6 Committee Reports as item "C."

Motion Passed with amendments as noted.

4. Approval of the Minutes – November 19, 2015

Motion: Carolyn Glast

Second: Brenda Diggs

Motion Passed

5. Public Comments – Limit 3 minutes each

No public comments presented.

6. Committee Reports

Chairperson Betty Hines requested committees to provide handouts to be distributed during the NAB monthly meeting in an effort to save time. If you would like staff to make copies of your handouts they should be given to Tiana Keith the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

A. Symposium – Blythe Tennent, Joyce Williams, Merry Sandra Kennedy, Misun Hur and Brenda Diggs

The symposium committee has been working diligently to assure excellence for this symposium. The symposium theme, panel, agenda, and speaker have been confirmed. The committee is working on obtaining sponsors. Joyce Williams requested the NAB members to acquire donations for the symposium. A letter was provided for anyone that wanted to obtain donations from local businesses. All gifts should be given to Joyce by March 15th. Joyce will provide a list to staff of the items that have been donated thus far at the next sub-committee meeting. A Signup sheet for assistance was distributed. The symposium will begin promptly at 8:00AM. All board members and volunteers are expected to arrive at 7:00AM for briefing and assignments from staff. Volunteers are needed for Friday, April 29th to setup the registration table, decorate, and assist with last minute items. Plans are underway to print yard signs for neighborhood winners. A cleanup crew will be necessary after the symposium is over. Brenda Diggs stated that for the first time this year, award winning neighborhoods selected from nominees submitted by conscientious neighbors will be recognized with a sign displayed at the front of their neighborhood for 30 days. The sign created by Signsmith, Inc. gives the name and description of the award. This will be a source of pride for the entire community and motivational incentive for other communities to work together for great neighborhoods. Award winners will also be featured on neighborhood spotlight seen on GTV9.

B. Membership Outreach – Laura McKenna

Goodie bags were put together for members to take to their neighborhoods. These bags will be used for new residence in neighborhoods. The board requested staff to make storage room for these bags and have the neighborhood notify staff when they need them. Storage for bags was not confirmed. Letters have been written to be personalized for each neighborhood.

C. Sustainability Award – Ann Maxwell and Brenda Diggs

MOTION TO ADD “THE GOOD LANDLORD AWARD” AND THE “PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AWARD” TO THE SYMPOSIUM’S AWARDS:

Motion: Laura McKenna Second: Carolyn Glast

Motion Passed

Discussion:

Ann Maxwell requested that two landlord awards should be given during the symposium; (1) Good Landlord Award, and a (2) Property Management Award to include apartments, condominiums, and townhomes, etc.

Solicitation for nominees for all awards should be forwarded to Tiana Keith by Tuesday, April 15th to tkeith@greenvillenc.gov or P.O. Box 7207, Greenville, NC 27835-7207. Once Tiana receives the nominations she will notify the nominating committee for their review and recommendations. All nominee write-ups will be in the Greenville Daily Reflector by April 22nd. All nominees will receive a personal invitation to the symposium. The winner will be announced during the symposium.

The four annual awards for the symposium are: (1) The Good Neighbor award (2) The Neighborhood Improvement Award (3) The Neighborhood Excellence, and (4) The Neighborhood Safety Award. Copies of each award are available online.

The committee will present the symposium “Good Neighbor” award with a \$50 gift card. Monies for the Good Neighbor gift card cannot be purchased with City funds. The Good Neighbor gift will come from donations acquired through solicitation. Several vendors have donated items and a gift card for \$125.

7. Old Business

A. EAC Update – Ann Maxwell

The NAB Chair and staff worked together to write a letter of support to the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) to endorse the plastic bag resolution for the Environmental Advisory Board Commission. Ann presented the letter to the commission at their last meeting. Activities have been planned for Earth Day involving children and Ann will bring that to the board in March. Ann is hopeful to have fabric bags available for the NAB Symposium. The EAC have grant monies designed for a specific use and will ask the commission if the NAB can use some of those bags for distribution during the symposium. Staff will look into also having magnets with NAB information as well. Laura McKenna offered her husband's assistance in writing a grant for the NAB. Ann will make contact with Mr. McKenna for his assistance.

B. District #2 Meeting

NAB Chair Betty Hines and Mr. David Douglas from District 2 spoke telephonically about the details for district 2 meeting. The meeting will be held June 16th at the Arlington Blvd. Baptist Church location. A topic has not been established. A community consensus from citizens in District 2 will be taken targeting topics they would like to see addressed.

C. For the Love of Greenville – Tiana Keith

There was a diverse group of individuals that engaged in activities involving attendees. The main discussion was to improve neighborhoods and looking at the good things that are happening in Greenville and building upon those topics to make Greenville even better.

D. Horizon's Report – Ann Maxwell

The Planning stage for the City of Greenville was discussed. Many of the Planners provided updates and the meeting was very informative.

8. Staff Reports

A. Neighborhood Liaison

Tiana shared that she will be working with a diverse group of city staff to include the

Police Chief and staff from Public Works on a "Neighborhood Pride Campaign." This committee will be working with various neighborhoods to identify issues within their neighborhood. This initiative is to motivate neighborhoods to get involved in neighborhood pride. Two or three events are planned for the first year.

B. Police Liaison

The annual Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, April 16th. If you want to organize a group for your neighborhood please contact Officer A.J. Basile in the Code Enforcement Division at (252) 329-4114. Officer Basile will need to know the time and location of groups. Once you notify him, he will provide trash bags, gloves, and t-shirts for all volunteers.

9. ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Brenda Diggs

Second: Ann Maxwell

Motion Passed

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison Ombudsman