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Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)

SUMMARY MINUTES

Thurs. Jan. 21, 2016 @ 6:00PM
City Hall Conf. Rm. 337

200 West Fifth Street
Greenville, NC 27835-7207

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT: PCRC ATTENDANCE NOTED ON THEIR MINUTES.

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 - *	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 - Additions/Deletions

Motion: Ann Maxwell Second: Carolyn Glast

Motion passed with the changes made to the agenda below:

1. Move item 9. B. on the agenda to item 6. "Police Liaison-TNR."
2. Move item 8. B. on the agenda to item 7. "Plastic Resolution."

4. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2015

Minutes were not available for approval.

Discussion: The November 19, 2015 minutes will be available at the next board meeting. Chairperson Betty Hines requested that the agenda be available the Tuesday the week of the meeting. If you have items to include on the agenda please forward those requests to Tiana @ tkeith@greenvillenc.gov the Monday the week of the meeting.

5. Public Comments – Limit 3 minutes each – no comments

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

6. Police Liaison-TNR - Staff Reports

Chris Viverette did not have a report. However, Chris invited Carmen Nichols, Animal Control Officer to explain the ordinance of the TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return). Carmen passed out the TNR ordinance approved by City Council on October 15, 2015 and explained TNR in detail. Carmen explained that feral cats are born outside and never been handled by a human. Feral cats are known as wild cats and un-socialized with humans. Most feral cats are extremely distant and have no human trust. These cats are not adoptive and known for nuisance complaints such as being in neighborhood garbage bins. Citizens call Animals Protective Services when they notice colonies of these cats. Animal Control Officers responds to the complaint, set traps for the feral cats, and take them to a veterinarian that provides the necessary vaccinations, spaying, neuter, and ear tipping. Once this process is complete, the feral cats are then returned to the environment they were captured. If a feral cat has a known disease, Animal Control will not release the cat back into the community. A discussion of this ordinance took place at the November 19, 2015 meeting during Chris Viverette's report.

7. Plastics Resolution - New Business

A MOTION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD TO ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR CITY COUNCIL TO DISCOURAGE THE USE OF "SINGLE USE" PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS:

Motion: George Hamilton Second: Blythe Tennent

Motion passed with one in opposition.

Discussion:

NAB Chairperson Betty Hines and NAB Ombudsman Tiana Keith will draft a letter to forward to the City Council and the Environmental Advisory Committee endorsing the ordinance. NAB is encouraged to voice their opinion by sending their comments to Chairperson Betty Hines no later than Monday, January 25, 2016.

8. Committee Reports

- A. Symposium Outreach – Blythe Tennent recommended Dr. William Rohe a professor at UNC Chapel Hill to be the keynote speaker for the symposium. The committee discussed the “draft” symposium agenda. Blythe Tennent identified Joyce Williams responsible for food, door prizes and decorations. Brenda Diggs expressed the need to build the recognition of the symposium awards by placing the awards on the City of Greenville’s web page and in the Daily Reflector. The City of Greenville’s website needs to reflect this year’s symposium events. Save-the-date post cards will go out February 1, 2016. Solicitation of flyers for the symposium in various neighborhoods is a good form of advertising. Contact staff if you need flyers.
- B. Membership Outreach – Laura McKenna discussed bringing new liaisons together before they begin attending meetings in an effort to acclimate them to the NAB. The “New Resident” bags are available to welcome new residents to the neighborhood.
- C. Publicity – Sharon Stang is serving on this committee alone and need assistance. Tiana noted that she would send out a plea or an ad for people to join this committee. NAB would like a recruiting booth during the symposium.
- D. Sustainability – No report

9. Old Business

- A. Horizons Plan Update - No report
- B. District Meeting
District 2 will host the first round of neighborhood meetings in June. More information concerning the district 2 meeting will be available after the symposium.

10. New Business

- A. For the Love of Greenville - For the Love of Greenville is an event that will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the ECU Willis Building - 300 E 1st St, Greenville, NC 27858. There will be an emphasis on issues relating to community and economic development, how to engage

citizens and any other designated topics set by client. The Community workshop will last approximately 3 hours. A maximum of 100+ participants may attend this highly interactive event.

11. Staff Reports

A. Neighborhood Liaison – PST, Board Retreat

Tiana received an e-mail concerning West Point neighborhood and the Problem Solving Team (PST) involvement in that area. Sgt. Mike Broadwell is in charge of the Civic Liaison Program and organizing community events such as National Night Out, etc. However, Sgt. Broadwell is out of the state in training for the next three months. Tiana is unsure who will be taking Sgt. Broadwell's place while he is out. PST is responsible for problem solving oriented policing in neighborhoods using data to identify crime and/or quality of life issues. PST will include other areas of concerns such as the lack of jobs, education, and minimum housing. The Police Department will be seeking resources from the community for assistance. Under the current zone policing, the zone commanders will identify problems in various areas and assign them to the supervisors and officers to address citizen concerns. PD has asked the Liaison Ombudsman to team up with them on this project. The first focus meeting will be in the West Pointe neighborhood. Staff will update the board as information becomes available. If there are any areas that affect the board members specifically, they are encouraged to reach out to staff for assistance.

There are plans to have a NAB Retreat in the near future. If this interests the NAB, they are encouraged to provide feedback to staff on topics such as Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, or Team Building. Staff will then let the board know what type of funding is available to move forward. Fall 2016 is a target to have the retreat. Please e-mail Tiana at tkeith@greenvillenc.gov with your comments.

Providing new board members with an orientation is also in the plan for the board.

12. ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Carolyn Glast

Second: Brenda Diggs

Motion Passed

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tiana Keith", written in a cursive style.

Tiana Keith, Neighborhood Liaison Ombudsman