



**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012 @ 6:30 PM
CITY HALL, GALLERY AREA
200 WEST FIFTH STREET**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Members present are denoted by an “*” and members absent are denoted by an “x”.

NAME	DISTRICT	NAME	DISTRICT
Carolyn Glast *	1	Kim Carney, Vice Chair *	1
Betty Hines x	2	David Douglas *	2
Ann Maxwell, Chair *	3	Vince Bellis *	3
Scott Hucks *	4	Caroline Doherty *	4
VACANT	5	Brenda Diggs *	5

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Lisa Wilbourne (Eastwood); Sharon Stang (Carolina East); and Richard Crisp (Elmhurst-Englewood)

OTHER GUESTS:

Adele Grier; Diane Hucks; and Raj Jagad

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Heifferon, Building and Grounds Superintendent & City Arborist (Public Works Department); Laura Searfoss, Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman (CDD); and Gwen Turnage, Administrative Assistant (CDD)

MEETING AGENDA, DISCUSSION, AND ACTIONS:

ROLL CALL—A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—April 19, 2012

Motion: Scott Hucks
Second: Kim Carney

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN

Kevin Heifferon provided the NAB with an overview of the Public Works Department’s recently commissioned Urban Forest Master Plan (developed by Davey Resource Group).

Mr. Heifferon outlined trees’ effects on property values and economic development in addition to their ecological functions and natural beauty, and explained the goals of the Urban Forest Master plan: increasing Greenville’s

canopy cover and identifying ways to diversify the types of trees planted throughout the city.

Mr. Heifferon stressed that resident input was an important part of creating a usable plan that does not “sit on a shelf, but rather sits in a truck.” Mr. Heifferon distributed input forms for this purpose, and Ms. Searfoss said she would post an electronic copy on the Neighborhoods’ blog on Friday.

NAB members and other guests inquired about specific types of trees and their viability in Eastern Carolina, as well as the possibility of using more organic techniques. Members also discussed the need for City Council to hire a full-time urban forester to implement this plan, advise residents on appropriate trees and continually monitor Greenville’s “public” trees—trees located in the right-of-way and other communal locations.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/update on 3-unrelated and family-care home standards

3-unrelated. Ms. Searfoss said that staff is still discussing dates for the public input meetings. Ms. Searfoss said that staff plans to publicize the meeting directly through the NAB and other stakeholder groups, as well as on the City Page of the *Daily Reflector*, GTV-9; and the city’s website.

NAB REQUESTS 21-DAY NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS ABOUT THE 3-UNRELATED RULE.

Motion: Vince Bellis
Second: Caroline Doherty

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Family-care homes. Ms. Searfoss said that Paradigm, Inc., which originally filed an application to change the ¼ mile separation requirement between family-care homes, is working with the City Attorney to determine a “reasonable accommodation.”

Ms. Searfoss said she would provide the NAB with more information if a new application is filed and placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s agenda.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Searfoss distributed a draft 2012-13 workplan, which primarily entails a year-long art-action project to encourage cooperation and beautification in neighborhoods not actively organized and connected to the NAB.

Ms. Searfoss suggested the NAB set-up a table at the Uptown Greenville Umbrella Market to publicize the board and its workplan this summer.

NAB/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several members said they enjoyed the meeting's laid-back atmosphere and getting to know the other members.

Kim Carney asked Kevin Heifferon if he would be interested in serving on the board for District 5, but he said his neighborhood—Farington—does not have an association yet.

Members announced upcoming picnics and invited everyone at the meeting to attend:

College Court/Coghill: Saturday, May 19; 11:00 AM

The Oaks: Saturday, June 2 @ Paramore Park; 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Sharon Stang said her neighborhood is facing a commercial rezoning and wanted the NAB to know that several residents do not support this rezoning. Vince Bellis said historically the NAB does not take positions on individual rezonings.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Brenda Diggs

Second: Kim Carney

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Searfoss
Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman
Community Development Department