

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 22, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Public Works Building, 161 South Charlotte Street

Board Members Present: Elaine Poovey, Chair, Phil Lenowitz, Vice-Chair, Joe Fioccola Secretary, Billie Buie, Greta Bush, Pat Deck and Barber Melton.

Also Present: Marsha Stickford, Councilman Gordon Smith, Lori Pelaez, Gaya Erlandson and Linda Giltz.

Not Present: Pastor Spenser Hardaway,

CALL TO ORDER: Elaine called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed new appointee Pat Deck and introduced her to committee members.

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Barber moved and Phil seconded a motion to approve the June 27 meeting minutes with seven corrections. The motion passed.
- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Elaine, Phil and Joe agreed to continue service as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Billie moved to accept the slate as presented. Barber seconded and the motion passed.

3. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Meetings attended by NAC members: Joe: North Carolina Room Panel Discussions on the 1980's. WECAN Board x2, Adopt A Highway, Lecture on 1916 Flood, and Centenary Commemoration of the Flood, Asheville Design Center Design-Build Project dedication of the 'Bee Hotel' for pollinators at UNCA, Garden Network at the Vine Community Garden, Coalition of Asheville Neighborhoods, NAC Subcommittee, Asheville Comprehensive Plan Advisory Group, Small Infill Housing Workshop, and Asheville Police Department Awards Banquet. **Barber:** Affordable Housing Committee x2, Haw Creek Board x2, East Asheville Library Committee, National Night Out, CAN meeting, **Greta:** Designer Open House with Asheville Design Center to look at alternatives to single family housing such as duplexes, Leadership Asheville buzz breakfast, Parkway Forest Pot Luck (last time as President) ADU Task Force was mostly orientation but then a lot of material to cover for next meeting and Plan on a Page, **Billie:** NC Room 1980's panel discussions and a C.A.N. meeting, **Pat:** Several meetings of 7 neighborhoods and HOA presidents to which Sealy Chipley, Rusty Pulliam, Steve Casmore and David Brown were invited to speak, share plans, have a voice and work together. They have done a lot in just one year since the NAC South meeting and are pushing for district elections for City Council. **Phil:** 2 Multi-Modal Commission meetings, a neighborhood Fourth of July celebration which included 125 people, City Council meeting on TV, 2 Legislative Hearings for the US Senate and the US House and C.A.N., **Elaine** attended Malvern Hills National Night Out (included with their annual picnic and had 85 attending as well as Police Chief Hooper)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Update on Comprehensive Plan—Public Engagement: Sealy Chipley.

Marsha reported that 255 surveys have been received to date and a focus is on getting input from those who did not participate ten years ago. Suggestions included: the West Area Meeting, Habitat neighborhoods, Ukrainian Community, AHS football games, Asheville Grizzlies games, Isaac Dickson Grand Opening Event 10 am on Sept 10 and YWCA. Sealy reported that Becky Anderson was heading a visioning group using area writers such as Kevin Frazer and Wayne Caldwell and also reaching out to the schools. Possibly a push out on NEXTDOOR.com. Sealy affirmed that all neighborhood plans would be reviewed but the Comprehensive Plan won't be on that level of detail and there would be the first public meeting in the last week of September.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

c. Aging in Community: Gaya Erlandson: She represents Cultural Change in Aging Network of WNC. Their mission is to provide information, education, resources and support to communities in WNC that enable a culture of aging that is life affirming, satisfying, meaningful and meets the needs of older adults.

Their initial focus was on intentional communities and group housing but has shifted to people living in neighborhoods. She contrasted Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities such as Haw Creek with other neighborhoods of strangers. In 2015 they held an eight week class at OLLI called Aging in Community to encourage alternatives and thinking outside the box. Next time they will revise the course to offer more 'how to' information and tools such as Assets Based Community Development and Sociocracy. Linda Giltz passed out two flyers on CCAN and the next Aging in Community: Exploring Options which will be 8 weeks on Fridays 9-11 am from September 23-November 11. They suggested several websites for more information: Treehouse, Hope Meadows, Commons.org, Sharable.net and a book "Neighbor Power" by Jim Diers. They closed with a quote from Margaret Wheatley: Whatever the problem community is the answer. Greta asked how groups can connect an older generation with a younger more digital one. They may consider a pilot program with her group to address that problem.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b. Approval of Annual Plan: Several items were added to the draft version; such as Encouraging all neighborhoods to register and to submit Plans on a Page, adding common concerns to the timely reports, and specifying recognition of Volunteer of the Year, convening a third Festival of Neighborhoods, and pushing responses to the Asheville Comprehensive Plan. Phil moved and Billie seconded a motion to adopt the revised plan and the motion passed.

c. Adopt Neighborhood Registration materials: Marsha distributed a draft that has been worked on extensively. She announced that there would be a campaign in early September to register neighborhoods. There was some discussion that the form itself almost forces new or smaller groups into a mold that might be resisted and that there also might be some issues about apartments that have some amenities and meetings that look like community groups. Joe noted the importance that they represent everyone in their area and that they are not already represented in a larger group. Finally, it was decided to adopt the registration form and assist Marsha in the campaign and then gauge the response. Phil moved and Barber seconded a motion to put it out and see what comes back and the motion passed.

d. Approve Neighborhood Map window fields: The fields suggested were: Neighborhood Name, Contact Information (email only), Website or Facebook Page for Neighborhood, Regular meeting time and location, Plan on a Page or other Plan and Neighborhood Profile if there is one. They were approved as distributed.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Plan for West Asheville Community Meeting: Elaine reported that the West Area Meeting was set for September 26 from 7-9 pm at the West Asheville Library. Sealy will talk about the Asheville Comprehensive Plan. Police and Fire have been invited to speak. The recent Parking Study results could be shared and Marsha will check with Polly McDaniel and Joey Robison about other projects going on West.

b. Festival of Neighborhoods III: Elaine, Phil, Joe and Marsha met on August 11 and drafted a plan for the November 13 event. AB-Tech is the location registration is from 2-2:15 with no general assembly. There will be opportunities for two classes each 45 minutes long at 2:15 and 3:15 with networking and food from 4-4:30. The confirmed workshops so far include: Polly McDaniel on Social Media, Chris Pelly and Teddy Jordan on Visioning and Neighborhood Engagement, Tracy Kunkler on Circle Forward Dynamic Governance, Keith McCulloch on Crime Prevention, Neighborhood Watch and safety, and Joan Miller on Newsletters –if they can take a specific neighborhood as a case study and see what their problems were.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES EACH) There were none.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS for October 24: Finalize plan for Festival of Neighborhoods III, Debrief West Area Meeting, and look at results of Neighborhood Registration Campaign.

NEXT MEETING: September 26, West Community meeting West Asheville Library 7:00-9:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT: 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Joe Fioccola