

MINUTES

Hampton Neighborhood Commission Meeting

Ruppert Sargent

February 14, 2011

Time 6:00-7:30pm

Present

Lynn Allsbrook, City Rep.

Cris Ausink, District 4

Alice Callahan, District 6

Lee Croswell, District 10

Tammy Flynn, City Rep.

James Gray, At-large Rep.

Henry Mills, Institutional Rep.

Jackie Roundtree, At-Large Rep.

Tommy Southall, District 9

Catherine Winston, District 8

Karen Duncan, Chair

Terry O'Neill, Executive Director

Rashida Costley-Clarke, Recording Secretary

Absent

Ann Bane, School Rep.

Willie Burrell, District 3

Robin Carpenter, District 7

Betty Peters, Institutional Rep.

Jasmine Sanders, Youth Rep.

Valerie Twine, District 2

Guest

None

I. Opening

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm

A. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Quorum verified.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2011 Neighborhood Commission Meeting

The Chair asked for consideration of the minutes for the January 10, 2011 Neighborhood Commission meeting. Jackie Roundtree made a motion to

approve the minutes. Tommy Southall seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote.

Chair voiced, "All in favor please say aye." Response, "aye."
Chair voiced, "Opposed?" Response – none.

Minutes approved.

D. Chair Announcements

None

II. Actions (New Business)

Item A.

Consideration of the Aberdeen Historic Gardens Civic Association- Neighborhood Improvement Fund Grant Application (vote)

- An overview of the application was provided by the Resources Committee Chair. There was no additional discussion.
- Tommy Southall made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. James Gray seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote:

APPROVED

AYES: 11- L. Allsbrook, C. Ausink, A. Callahan, L. Croswell, T. Flynn, J. Gray, H. Mills, J. Roundtree, T. Southall, C. Winston, and K. Duncan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 5- A. Bane, W. Burrell, R. Carpenter, B. Peters, J. Sanders, and V. Twine.

Item B.

Endorsement of the Proposed Yard Sale Ordinance Amendment

- A presentation with background information, recommendations and next steps was made by Rashida Costley-Clarke to the Commission.
- General questions were answered from Commissioners regarding the recommendations.

- Lynn Allsbrook made a motion to endorse the amendment. Jackie Roundtree seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote:

APPROVED

AYES: 11- L. Allsbrook, C. Ausink, A. Callahan, L. Croswell, T. Flynn, J. Gray, H. Mills, J. Roundtree, T. Southall, C. Winston, and K. Duncan.

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 5- A. Bane, W. Burrell, R. Carpenter, B. Peters, J. Sanders, and V. Twine.

Item C.

Consideration of Revisions to the Neighborhood Development Fund Grant Policy and Procedures (Vote)

- The recommendation from the Resources Committee was reviewed, as well as the recommendations from the Plans and Policy Review Committee.
- Discussion included:
 - Concern that only one committee will be approving grant amounts as large as \$50,000 on behalf of the entire Neighborhood Commission.
 - If scheduling is a problem, staff should readjust the Commission schedule so that the Neighborhood Commission can vote on grants within 60 days of receipt.
 - A suggestion was made to reduce the amount that would not require full Commissioner review to \$20,000. Majority of Commissioners felt this was too low based on the increased cost of raw materials.
 - A compromise was proposed, deleting the mid-level amount and raising the lower level amount to \$35,000.

Motion was made to delete the mid-level grant amount and increase the small level amount to \$35,000.

- Catherine Winston made a motion to approve the change. Henry Mills seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote:

FAILED

AYES: 4- H. Mills, J. Rountree, C. Winston, and K. Duncan

NAYS: 7- L. Allsbrook, C. Ausink, A. Callahan, L. Croswell, T. Flynn, J. Gray, and T. Southall

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 5- A. Bane, W. Burrell, R. Carpenter, B. Peters, J. Sanders, and V. Twine.

A motion was made to adopt the changes as originally recommended by the Resources Committee.

- Lynn Allsbrook made a motion. Cris Ausink seconded the motion. After some clarification Cris Ausink rescinded her motion. Catherine Winston seconded the motion.

Then Chair called for a vote:

APPROVED

AYES: 8- L. Allsbrook, L. Croswell, T. Flynn, J. Gray, H. Mills, J. Roundtree, C. Winston, and K. Duncan.

NAYS: 3- C. Ausink, A. Callahan, and T. Southall.

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 6- A. Bane, W. Burrell, R. Carpenter, B. Peters, J. Sanders, and V. Twine.

III. Dialogue (Ongoing/Old Business)

A. Strategic Issues Discussion

- Community Checkpoint Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan rewrite will take place on March 8, 2011.

B. Updates on Work Plan Progress

- Karen Dunca reported out regarding the Housing and Neighborhoods focus group. Currently working on the vision statement.
- Tammy Flynn reported out on the Community Pride, Appearance and Image group. Vision statement has been established.
- Cris Ausink reported out on the Environmental focus group. They have discussed connect-ability, environment and people connect together.
- Lynn Allsbrook discussed the Waterways group. The group has already had 5 meetings. Tomorrow there is another meeting, the last of the

educational series. Then the group will break into subcommittees in March.

- James Gray is on two focus groups; public safety and lifelong learning. May need additional meetings in both groups. Both groups started off small but numbers have increased. Both groups also having several presentations to gain more information about the subject.

C. Other Matters by Commissioners

- North King Street community meeting regarding construction. February 24, 2011, 5:30-8:30pm.
- The Animal Control staff would like to make a presentation regarding animal control issues to the Neighborhood Commission.
- Tammy passed around information for the "I Values" campaign. Flyers to help get the word out. Contact Donna Hodges to host an organizational budget chat.

D. Committee Status Reports

- Three attached reports from various committees.
- Youth Committee gave a verbal report that included:
 - Report out regarding the Plan B event at Hampton University
 - Upcoming events- Speakout at North Phoebus, February 16, 2011
 - Music and Poetry Night- March 18 and 19th at West Hampton Community Center.
 - February 26th at Hampton University is Trio Day. Will be participating with Hampton University Students.

IV. Director's Report

1. Darren to provide information about the Youth Entrepreneurs Club at a later date.

V. Items to be Presented by the Public

None

Committee Status Reports

Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2010 @ 6:00pm in the Hampton Veterans Conference Room of the Ruppert Sargent Building.