

# WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday 4 April 2005*

### *Welcome*

Patricia Olmstead called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 16 people in attendance. Patricia Olmstead, president, Del Perry, vice president, Kay Everhart, treasurer, and Steven Shafer, secretary, were in attendance.

### *Treasury Report*

The Treasurer report reflected a balance on the first of March of \$784.72. Deposits of \$75.46 came in. Checks of \$251.93 were paid. The balance at the end of the month was \$608.25.

### *Old Business*

- Historic Signs Committee needed someone to take the lead. Kay Everhart agreed to take on that responsibility.
- Music in the Park needed a volunteer to be in charge. No one was willing to take the responsibility. It will be tabled until next month.
- Green Street Church Supper will be tabled to next month for a leader.
- Ruff Store – The attempts to get another estimate for moving costs have been unsuccessful. It appears we will be unable to save the store. Del Perry has left a phone message for Bo Dancy requesting a meeting. His message indicated that we would no longer oppose demolition of the store. Del will ask Mr. Dancy that the bricks from the demolition be available for the neighborhood (first come first serve basis), and that Mr. Dancy make a donation to the Association.
- Pat also passed around information on the West Salem Historic District and a list of sex offenders in our area. The information on sex offenders is available online at the following website: <http://sbi.jus.state.nc.us/DOJHAHT/SOR/>

### *New Business*

- A motion was set to approve Barry Lyons as a member of the Board of Advisors. It was seconded. The motion was unanimous in the affirmative.
- A soccer camp has begun on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30-6:00pm. It is held on the fields in front of Piedmont Baptist College. Patricia is sending an email to the community to remind them of this wonderful opportunity for youth ages 6-12 to get together for fun.
- The community garden is in process. One of the folks at the local extension service is willing to come out and plow the space. Del Perry and Barry Carlton are heading up this process. Emails will be sent alerting folks of the opportunity. We also discussed lots (a map was passed out). There is a sale of plants at Reynolda House on April 16<sup>th</sup>– 8am (annuals), April 19<sup>th</sup> –5:30pm-7:00pm (tomatoes & eggplants), April 23<sup>rd</sup>- 8am (perennials, hostas, & herbs).
- Tom Wilson spoke about his excitement in being involved in the neighborhood. He is very positive about what he sees happening in the neighborhood. The remodeling

is going well. A lot of effort and work is going into the property. The hope is to sell it to a single family. He considers it a win-win for the neighborhood. He passed around the legal notice that was in the paper in regards to the historic designation.

- Michael Bricker spoke about historic overlays and the use of them to prevent housing snafus, such as quick buck investors violating the UDO and remodeling homes into 6 apartments. The local overlay would cause projects to involve the planning board and historic commission. The plan for this was in place prior to our receiving our historic designation. Due to some questions regarding the full effects, we decided to ask Lea Ann Pegram from the historic commission to come and explain it in detail.
- Sarah Carter spoke about the lack of diversity in our organization. The meeting spent the next 10-15 minutes discussion options. We decided to put this on the agenda for our next meeting. Also, people were asked to invite their friends, especially diverse neighbors, to attend our next meeting. We decided to move it to Granville Park to see if the location would make it more conducive to a more diverse body.
- Donation Box was passed and there was \$21.86 taken up.

*Announcements were on the agenda for the following*

- West Salem Garden Club meeting is April 21, 6 p.m., location to be announced.
- Green Street UMC - \$1 Suppers – 5:5pm every Wednesday – Come Dine with your Neighbors
- West Salem Civic Club, Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> , 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Adjourned 8:25 PM