

Regular Board of Director's Meeting of the Southampton Citizens Association was called to order by Vice President Caitlin Zettl on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:15 PM.

Board Members Present: Mary Blanchard, John Cardwell, Jeff Donahue, Tim Fite, John McGrann, Mary Francis Kastleberg, Sue Stewart, Mary St. Louis, Bert Waters, Jon Young, and Caitlin Zettl.

Excused: Frank Dorman, President, Bob Scott, Jean Marie Hay, Wendy Inge,

Contributors and Guests in Attendance: Urchie Ellis, Paul Hoelscheir, Mary Arginteanu, Mary Scott

Approval of November Minutes: Motion by Fite, seconded by Zettl, passed. Bert Waters asked about changing the November minutes after the fact to include Mary Blanchard in attendance.

Committee and Officer Reports:

**Zoning:**

Caitlin Zettl met with Paul Hoelscheir several weeks ago and looked at plans for a proposed garage on his property. Under an existing ordinance, a garage cannot exceed the setback of a house. In Mr. Hoelscheir's case, in order to save trees he will have to bring the garage forward so that the garage will exceed the setback of his home. Mr. Hoelscheir asked that Southampton Citizens Association support his project. Discussion followed: Urchie Ellis knows the property and sees no reason to object. Mr. Hoelscheir stated that the detached garage would be 33 feet from the house, he would be paving and the watershed would not change. The impetus for moving the garage forward would be to save trees. A board member asked if the neighbors were informed and agreed to the zoning change. Mr. Hoelscheir stated that the immediate neighbors had okayed the construction. **Tim Fite motioned to write a letter of support for the zoning change. Mary Kastleberg seconded and the board approved.**

Bert Waters shared information on a property that Mary Francis had concerns about. The home was vacant and the yard was unkempt. Frank contacted the owner, a local realtor, who said he would prepare the home for sale within the next few months.

**Legislative Affairs:**

Urchie Ellis reported on the reintroduction of the Photo Red bill in the General Assembly and that the city is no longer officially recognizing the 17-year old neighborhood teams program. Discussion followed: Jerry Miller is still planning on having neighborhood team meetings, the next one being planned for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at Bon Air Library, with C.T. Woody and Michael Herring on agenda. Caitlin encouraged everyone to attend. Mayor Wilder is interested in developing new mechanisms to provide feedback on delivery of city services. Sharon Glover has been asked to speak on legislation that would provide a paper trail for voting on Election Day.

**Treasurer:**

Sue Stewart reported a balance of \$7,040.97 with all bills paid. A discussion ensued on earmarking a legal fund for the SCA. We would set aside a portion of our funds this year and

possible contribute each year to the fund. An example of types of legal fees that the SCA may incur was provided. Last year a legal paperwork was filed pro bono for the SCA concerning the Huguenot/Cherokee roads traffic light. Urchie mentioned that we have had legal problems before and have had access to a pro bono lawyer to file paperwork. His concern is mainly about fluctuating funds. One board member offered that we should keep enough money available in case we need to cover filing fees. **Caitlin made a motion to set aside \$2,000.00 for a legal fund this year. The motion was seconded by John Cardwell, voted on and passed.**

This was followed by a discussion on welcoming signs for our neighborhood. It was mentioned that we could only have two signs per neighborhood. We could request a series of welcoming signs for each neighborhood, Stratford Hills, Cherokee Hills etc. We also discussed purchasing more signs to announce our meetings.

**Huguenot Team:** No report.

**Membership:** No report.

**Communications:** No report.

**Transportation:**

Caitlin Zettl reported that Cathy Graziano plans to attend the February meeting to discuss traffic concerns, including: 1. increasing the speeding fine on Cherokee Road; 2. a possible four way stop on Prairie and Chellow; 3. closing Riverside Drive on weekends from 9 to 3 during the summer months. Caitlyn met with city officials and David concerning these issues. We then discussed the pipes that are being installed alongside Cherokee Road near Forest Hill Avenue.

**Police:** No report

**Schools / Education:** Mary Blanchard had no report.

**New Business:**

Mary Blanchard asked for volunteers to head the Southampton Riverfest 2006 Committee. She agreed to co-chair the committee with Caitlin. It was suggested that we bring the breakfast back because it had been very popular. We may ask SRA to help support Riverfest 2006 as they have in years past.

**Other Business:**

Mary Arginteanu and Ralph White planted daffodils on the Southampton school grounds for which volunteers are needed. Approximately 200 bulbs were purchased for this effort at a cost of \$34 which SCA has previously voted on and approved to pay.

Urchie mentioned that City Council gave a special award to Ralph White and other members of his staff and Mike Herring lives in our neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.