



Lonnette Williams, Chair

Sandra Cassidy, Vice-Chair

Denise Page, Secretary

CENTRAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS JULY 2010

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010 @ 7 PM

JOHN P. 'TOP' GREENE CENTER (401 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD)

AGENDA

Call to Order

Invocation

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes Approval

Police Report

Planning Department

Inspections Department

Parks and Recreation Dept.

Chavis Center / Chavis Park \ John P. "Top" Greene Center / Moore Square / Nash Square

Chair Reports

- Archives Report; Knowledge Maps Project
- CAC Boundaries; Central revisions, all of South Park Neighborhood ; recommendation to include Chavis Heights; expanding to include Mt. Hope Cemetery and Washington School, and the southwest boundaries along Garner Rd. , Hammond and Wilmington St. (conference with Southwest CAC).
- Solid Waste Recycling Bins change, 95 and 65 gal. cans available, call 996-6890 to request smaller container

New Business

- Public Utilities Department, "Saving Money through Water Conservation", Diane Upshaw
- Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange

Old Business

- Committee Reports
- 725 S. East Street ,Yard For sale sign, DHIC is the listing agent

Other Business

Announcements

Adjourn

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Raleigh Police:

Southwest Officer Upchurch 996-1399
 Downtown Officer Taylor 996-4455
 Southeast Officer Thompson 279-7257
 Police Non-Emergency 831-6311
 Crime Prevention 996-3335, 1377, 1399

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Neighborhood Services:

996-6100

John P. 'Top' Greene Center: 831-6527

John Chavis Center: 831-6989

Planning: 807-8477

Graffiti Hotline: 996-6001 graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Gang Tip Hotline: 996-4264

Housing Inspections: 807-5110

Solid Waste Services: 996-6890

Potholes: 996-6446

Street Lights Out: 508-5400

Traffic Operations: 996-3030

Alcohol Law Enforcement: Agent Glenn Webb

250-5934 gwebb@ncale.org

The **Central CAC** is sponsored by the City of Raleigh and serviced by the Community Services Department, is the only advisory body to the City Council whose members are not appointed by the Council. Membership is strictly voluntary. The CAC provides a means for citizens to be involved in planning for their community and in turn, gives the City a method of communication with its citizens. Serving: **Boylan Heights, Carlton Place, Founders Row, Heritage Park, South Park, Walnut Terrace and Inner Downtown communities.**

CENTRAL CAC MEETING SUMMARY

June 7, 2010 (7:05pm)

Attendance: residents- 18, staff- 14

(RPD- 4; Planning-1; Inspections-2; Parks- 5; CSD-1; CD-1)

1. Call to order, welcome, and introductions

2. Invocation, Minister Antoinette Peoples

3. RPD (Officer Thompson; Capt. Lull)

- a. Introduction of new SE District Captain
- b. activity on corner of Blount and Lee
- c. decline on activity (57) in last month given police action and community support
- d. initiative of community watch by RPD to increase patrolling and community support in monitoring activity.
- e. Chair- need of constant patrolling in both sides of MLK Blvd.
- f. Update names of community officers in newsletter
- g. Downtown district – will apply strategies used in SE District; area covered increased with new structure.
- h. Chair- we feel unsafe and even neglected in the northern section of South Park due to lack of police monitoring ; concentration seems to be exclusive to the southern section .Need balance in all areas of the neighborhood. Left unattended, the opportunity for increased crime becomes a reality. Its summer and the park area definitely needs attention as well.
- i. Police reports frequency – request by Edna Ballantine brought to chair about this item; It was voted to keep reports, 16 in favor, 0 against.

4. Planning- nothing to add

5. Inspections- two inspectors introduced and gave phone numbers

6. Chair Reports

- a. Archives – in progress and still under development
- b. Update on the maps under designed by NCSU Professor Kermit Bailey and students- in progress and very excited about the final product.

7. Parks and Recreation

- a. **Chavis** – updates and programs for the Summer; teens program; SE Raleigh Police Developmental Baseball League a great success; increase of new families with kids moving to Chavis Heights; fitness room improved and available again; planning an aerobics class; ESL program on Saturdays starting on June 19; 2nd Progress Energy kick-off event coming; Chavis Open House soon; working on acoustics at meeting room.

Chair- how is E-mail 101 class publicized? Needs to be more intensive.

Chair- **Chavis Park: Vegetation will be trimmed along the Little Rock Creek, Stream Restoration area that the CAC has been concerned with. Thanks to Kristen Shea and Lynn Mullins for supporting this request. The park should be more attractive and safe to visit and enjoy.**

- b. **Moore Square plan-** update presentation by Cassie Shoemaker; handout
State of NC has the last word on what happens so City is very careful of actions taken concerning Moore Square. Public meetings will take place during the day and evening at Cobblestone Hall at City Market. Public Leadership group will have about 12 members, including Central CAC.

Decision process- based on consensus and not on vote. Expectation: to have it presented to City Council for adoption early in 2011.

Question – what is the purpose of all this money spent on Moore Square?

Question- Are there plans to put buildings in there?

Cassie- can not give details; public leaders group will discuss it.

8. **Review of minutes-** approved by 16-0
9. **House on 725 S East Street-** CD Department head, Michelle Grant explains process of appraisal; Chair raised the question regarding the sale price that was quoted as \$135,000 when other previously CD developed homes were considerably higher . Also a house on Bloodworth is for sale with less square footage is listed for \$215, 000. Michelle will ask it to be reassessed. Chair asks why attic access in the master bedroom. *It devalues the house!* False fireplace and plastic laminated wood floor . **Michelle Grant-** will make sure to review some details; Federal funds used for program. Chair- make it affordable but not cheap.
Chair- any funds to invest in South Park?
Michelle – not a lot of revenue in order to invest; focused on Long Acres.
10. **CAC goals-** need to establish committees to work and support the different things we want to do as a CAC. Committees and members
 - a. Historic Preservation – Lonnette Williams and J.N. Sorrell.
 - b. Membership/Participation – Sandra Cassidy and Antoinette Peoples
 - c. Amenities – Rachel Alston and Annie Belle Davis
 - d. Recycling program and advocacy – Betty Burrell, J.N.Surrell, Gwendolyn Goode (834-2407)
 - e. December Social – Lonnette Williams, Rachel Alston, Betty Burrell, Gwendolyn Goode, Annie Bell Davis
 - f. Food Drive (May and December) – Lonnette, Sandra Cassidy
11. New Business –
 - a. Betty- request to have a can recycling bin at Top Greene Ctr.; she will take care of it, and make sure money goes to group. Kristen will follow up.
 - b. Mr. Sorrell- a neighbor who saves cans for recycling and had three loads; does it in memory of Mrs. Melba Boykin Wilson , former CAC Secretary and South Park resident.
 Chair remarks that she was also a founding member of SPERNA and contributed historic documents from her mother’s family, the Perry’s for the Archives and will be seen in the knowledge maps that are currently being developed. Her contributions will be remembered by the Central CAC.

Adjourn: 8:55pm

Next meeting: July 12

CITY ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SIR WALTER RALEIGH AWARDS

The City of Raleigh is accepting nominations for the 2010 Sir Walter Raleigh Awards for Community Appearance. The annual awards recognize outstanding new development, building rehabilitation efforts, and natural resource conservation within the Capital City. The awards program was established in 1983 to commemorate exemplary achievement in enhancing the city’s appearance. More than 200 projects, sites, and individuals have been honored. Awards are offered in 11 different award categories, including new residential, commercial, or institutional construction, plus historic preservation, sustainable design, and tree and landscape conservation. The award for “Maintained Outstanding Appearance” honors appearance contributions by projects five years old or older. The “Individual” award is presented to a citizen who has consistently worked to preserve or improve the city’s appearance. The deadline for entries for the 2010 Sir Walter Raleigh Awards is Friday, July 9. Nominations for the can be made online at <http://www.raleighnc.gov/sirwalterraleighawards> or by completing a printed form available at City government offices. In addition to project information, six or more digital photos of each nominated project or individual, submitted on CD or flash drive, are also required. The Sir Walter Raleigh Awards are coordinated by the Raleigh Appearance Commission. For more information, contact the City of Raleigh Planning Department at 516-2622.



Community Services News

July 2010

Volunteers step up to assist Raleigh Police Department

Raleigh Police volunteers Doug Donald and Bruce Carper peered through a window of a locked garage. A toddler played in a car inside, unaware of his predicament.

"The baby was having a good time," Carper recalled later. The two volunteers were the first to respond to a call about the child, who had locked himself in the garage. Fortunately, the child was not in immediate danger, so Donald and Bruce kept watch and comforted the child's mother until his father arrived with a garage-door opener.

Donald and Carper told the story recently as the police volunteer program celebrated its first anniversary. Police volunteers perform administrative duties, patrol parks and greenways, aid motorists in trouble and help at special events, among other jobs – such as coming to the aid of mischievous toddlers.

Some police volunteers are members of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, which is administered by the Community Services Department. Donald is among the RSVP volunteers.

Another RSVP volunteer, retired home builder Ken Bluestone, takes reports from burglary victims and has helped find leads that way. Bluestone volunteers eight to 12 hours a week – more than the minimum 15 hours a month that the department requests.

Police Chief Harry Dolan values the volunteers' assistance. "We think it is a wonderful opportunity for our police department to benefit, the community to benefit and the volunteers to benefit," he said.

If you are 55 or older and want to join the RSVP program as a police volunteer, contact Jennifer Robinson-Hartle in the Community Services Department at 996-5727 or jennifer.robinson-hartle@raleighnc.gov. For more information about the police volunteer program, contact Bruce Embry at 996-1118 or rpdvolunteer@raleighnc.gov.

Upcoming Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange offers opportunity to network

Mark your calendar for the Raleigh Neighborhood Exchange, a one-day neighborhood networking and educational event Sept. 18 at N.C. State University's McKimmon Center.

A citizens committee is helping to plan the Exchange, which will offer Raleigh residents the chance to learn from experts and each other about how to help neighborhoods flourish. Registration fee will be \$10.

We'll be sharing more details as they become available. In the meantime, many thanks to these committee members for their work on this event:

- Tsegga Medhin (Northwest CAC), chair
- Viola Bullock (Southeast CAC), vice chair
- Avis Christian (Northeast CAC)
- Arlene Sanders (North Central CAC)
- Jacqueline Tavarez (South CAC)
- Charles Upchurch (South CAC)
- Gary Wiggins (Five Points CAC)
- Jackielyanne Tavarez, teen representative

To learn more about the Exchange, contact Charlene Willard at 996-5718 or charlene.willard@raleighnc.gov.

July community dialogue to focus on aging

You are invited to take part in a discussion about how the City of Raleigh should engage people of Baby Boomer age and older.

A community dialogue sponsored by the Human Relations Commission will explore the question "Is Older Better?" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 24, at the Barwell Road Community Center, 3935 Barwell Road.

This is one in a series of dialogues the Commission is holding on how to ensure access and opportunity for everyone.

To find out more, contact Marionna Poke-Stewart at 996-5726 or mariona.poke-stewart@raleighnc.gov.