



Meeting Location: Trinity United Methodist Church 824 Bloodworth Street—Raleigh, NC

Mordecai CAC

March 9, 2010 * 7:30PM

MORDECAI CAC BOUNDARIES

All residents north of Peace St. and south of Atlantic Ave., between Brookside and West St., belong to the Mordecai CAC. The CAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Trinity United Methodist Church, 824 Bloodworth St.

To get on the newsletter mailing list, please contact:
Raleigh Community Services Dept.
at 919-996-6100.

GOOGLE GROUP

The Mordecai Google group provides immediate updates on neighborhood news and enables residents to share issues of common concern in a spam-free email environment. As a group member you can contact all members instantly by mailing: Mordecai @googlegroups.com
To sign up to join the group,
Email: Mordecai-subscribe@googlegroups.com

WEBSITES

Community Website—www.mordecaiacac.org

City of Raleigh Website—www.raleighnc.gov/cac

AGENDA >>>

WELCOME (3 MINS)

Reid Serozi, John Dombalis

POLICE REPORT (10 MIN)

Officer Taylor

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT (5 MIN)

Chris Moore, Halifax Community Center

GUEST SPEAKER / PRESENTATION (35 MIN)

- Communities In Schools of Wake County (10 min) Learning centers in based in Capitol Park and we provide after school academic support for K-12 students Roberta P. Hadley I Development Associate

- Jonathan Sanchez, Proprietor, Capital VIP Club (10 min)
Mr. Sanchez is one of three proprietors of the new VIP Club on Capital Blvd.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS, ASSET COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (15 MIN)

Duane Beck, Nancy Avery

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OTHER BUSINESS

- Neighborhood Yard Sale to be held May 22
- Stream Cleanup to be held May 29
- Annual CAC Picnic to be held June 12

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CELEBRATING MORDECAI NEIGHBORS

GAY BRADLEY



Our featured neighbor this month is Gay Bradley. Gay grew up in Savannah Georgia and moved to Raleigh in 1980 to attend Meredith college where she earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts with a minor in ceramics. At Meredith she studied under John Givvines, her favorite teacher and a well known North Carolina potter. Gay has worked at the North Carolina Museum of Art as a secretary in the Design Department for the past thirteen years.

Gay moved into her home at 208 Clifton Street in 1991. She likes the proximity to downtown as well as the quiet neighborhood with attractive homes with pretty yards. She enjoys theater and dance performances as well as exploring downtown restaurants.

Gay is pictured with her dalmatian Pate.

MORDECAI NEWS & UPDATES

New Mordecai CAC Web Site: <http://www.mordecaicac.org/>

Mordecai CAC Logo Design Contest: Calling all residents and business owners within the Mordecai District. We want you to design a new logo and brand for your CAC. Do you know someone in the neighborhood who enjoys arts? Tell them about the contest. Email webmaster@mordecaiCAC.org / call (919) 295-0135 for more information. Good luck!

New Mordecai CAC Phone number has been established for residents. Need more information about the MCAC or interested in getting involved? Call (919) 295-0135

Noise Violations Reported:

Noise, or unwanted sound, can be an unwelcome by-product of our built environment, seriously degrading the "quality of life" in our residential, business, and mixed-use communities. The MCAC Team has taken a keen interest in these reports and is interested in being your sound board and resource to help resolve these issues.

To report noise violations, we as residents of the MCAC can be active to resolve noise issues with two steps.

Step 1 - Report noise violations by calling 919-831-6311

All residents have the right to report noise violations to the Raleigh Police Department. The Police Department will investigate the report. Every resident needs to report a noise violation when heard. Not reporting, does not allow the Police Dept and City Zoning Dept. to enforce such violations in a timely fashion.

Step 2 - Log noise violation using the MCAC online form. <http://www.mordecaicac.org/topics/post/noiseviolationsreported>

Mordecai Historic Park



One Mimosa Street
Raleigh, NC 27604

Halifax Community Center



1015 Halifax Street
Raleigh, NC 27604

Mordecai CAC Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Co-Chair Reid Serozi welcomed approximately 20 residents and visitors to the meeting. He unveiled the new website www.mordecaicac.org and said that there will be a logo contest.

Police Report – Officer Taylor has made a safety assessment of Mordecai. The tree canopy will soon leaf out and block many street lights, some of this can be addressed through the city however some will be the homeowner's responsibility. Excessive foliage around foundations was observed, and the mini park could use some cutting back for better visibility from the street. House numbers should be easily read from the street, and some homes could use better lighting around the outside. Officer Taylor will be happy to do a security assessment of your property; he can be reached at charles.taylor@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Office Taylor reminds everyone to lock your cars and don't leave valuables in plain site.

Announcements

Raleigh Parks & Recreation. - Hunted Mordecai and the Mordecai holiday festivities went very well last year. On March 27th there will be an egg hunt, and the Blast from the Past will be held on May 1st with a tea party and fashion show.

In January's meeting Helen Tart of FOLDPOP (Friends of the Off Leash Dog Park at Oakwood Park) noted that the bathroom building at the dog park, which had security lights on it, has been torn down. Because they were made aware of our concern Progress Energy will place security lights at the dog park during construction, and the new bathroom building will have security lights. The construction will be limited to the lower (Brookside) parking lot and mulch has been placed around the construction fence to make it easier to walk around. Completion is anticipated for May.

ABCD Asset-based Community Development

Neighbor of the Month

New Businesses

Main Program

Visit from Raleigh Police Chief Harry Dolan
Chief Dolan discussed the new five-year plan.

- o Many empty positions have now been filled.

- o There will be a new community policing program with one officer assigned to each downtown area neighborhood to be a permanent presence and to act as a liaison.

- o Technological advances will be made such as statistical data mining to look for trends.

- o Districts have been realigned to include a greater area around downtown.

- o A drug and vice team will be added.

Lastly he stressed the importance of the police department and the community working together as a team.

Committee Reports

Traffic—Phillip Bernard gave an update. The committee is working with the city for ideas to calm traffic in the Person-Blount areas. A need for a neighborhood coalition was raised so that we can get our concerns higher on Raleigh's concerns.

Parks - Dana Deaton and Shawsheen Baker presented several options for the type of gate we would prefer for the mini park.

Neighborhood Watch

Rebekah Weber, *Secretary*

Participate in the **Citywide Learning and Review Sessions** on

Raleigh's New Development Code— Diagnostic & Approach Report

Same meeting, different locations for your convenience

- Monday, March 15, 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.
All Saints Chapel, 110 S. East Street

- Monday, March 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts Fletcher Opera Theater,
2 East South Street

- Tuesday, March 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Providence Baptist Church,
6339 Glenwood Avenue

- On-site check in: 1 hour prior to each session

- For special accommodations, contact City of Raleigh Public Affairs office—919-996-3100.

- Light refreshments will be served.

Register today for the meeting of your choice—email to Newcode@ci.raleigh.nc.us

Download a copy of the Diagnostic & Approach Report at www.newraleighcode.com <<http://www.newraleighcode.com>>

Comment on the report at <http://raleigh-consult.limehouse.com/portal> through March 31, 2010.

THE CITY OF RALEIGH is revamping its development code in the form of a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The UDO seeks to translate Raleigh's goals and aspirations for the built environment, as set forth in the recently adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan, into clear code standards that produce a predictable built form. The Diagnostic & Approach Report highlights inconsistencies and gaps between the current regulations and the recently adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and identifies approaches and solutions for the new code.

Read the report at www.newraleighcode.com <<http://www.newraleighcode.com>>

ATTEND one of the three upcoming Learning and Review Sessions. Your questions about the Diagnostic & Approach Report and related suggestions will help the City and its consultants prepare a UDO that facilitates quality development throughout Raleigh.

HEAR a presentation on the recently released Diagnostic & Approach Report and next steps in the public process.

LEARN about key recommendations from the report ranging from creating vital mixed use places to protecting natural resources.

DISCUSS suggestions and comments in an extended Question and Answer session.

Hosted by the City of Raleigh

For more information contact Christine Darges at 919-516-2634 or christine.darges@ci.raleigh.nc.us

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK.COM!

Keep up with the latest news about services and programs available from the Community Services Department through our Facebook page. To find us, log onto Facebook.com and search: City of Raleigh Community Services Department. Be sure to become a fan.

We'll be posting updates and photos on Facebook. You can not only offer feedback but also post your own photos and news about what your neighborhood is doing.

FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP NEIGHBORHOODS

Do you need funding for an idea that would help make your neighborhood better?

The City of Raleigh provides up to \$5,000 for projects that improve neighborhoods and enhance a sense of community. You can use the money to build a playground, fix up a neighborhood park, plant a community garden or undertake any number of other activities. The Community Services Department can help you apply for Neighborhood Improvement Matching Funds. To find out more, go to www.raleighnc.gov/communityservices or call 996-6100.

Another place to look for funds is a website created by the makers of Pepsi. They are awarding grants of \$5,000 to \$250,000 per month to ideas across the country that have a positive impact in the community. Community Services staff cannot assist you with a Pepsi grant, but you can learn more at www.refresheverything.com.

CLASSES FOR LANDLORDS SET

Anyone who owns or manages rental property, as well as real estate agents, lawyers and others who deal with rental issues, should consider enrolling in the City of Raleigh's Landlord Training Program, a one-day course to be offered March 10 and again on May 12 and Oct. 20.

The session will be held at the Raleigh Housing Authority's multipurpose community room, 971 Harp St. To register or receive more information, call the Community Services Department at 996-6100 or visit www.raleighnc.gov/communityservices.

The North Carolina State Bar and the North Carolina Real Estate Commission have approved the course for continuing education credits.

The program covers such topics as screening rental applicants, strengthening rental agreements and taking legal steps to resolve problems. Participants also learn about the City's rental dwelling registration ordinance and probationary rental occupancy permit (PROP) ordinance.

APPLICATIONS START FOR YOUTH SUMMER JOBS

Approximately 160 summer jobs will be available for local young people through the City of Raleigh's Summer Youth Employment Program.

The program is for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who live within the Raleigh City limits. The program seeks to develop good work habits and to stress both education and job experience as a prerequisite to a successful future.

Those selected will work 20 to 35 hours each week. First- and second-year participants in the program will earn \$7.25 per hour. Personal and career development workshops are conducted during the summer.

The application period starts March 1 and runs through March 25.

For more information, including application requirements and details about when and where to apply, contact Linda G. Jones at 919-996-5730 or linda.jones@ci.raleigh.nc.us or go to www.raleighnc.gov/communityservices.

SIGN UP FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING!

If you have been looking for an opportunity to develop your skills as a neighborhood leader, there is still time to enroll in the Citizens Leadership Academy.

The free series of classes is divided into three modules. Enrollment in the first module, which starts March 4, is full. But you can still sign up for the second module, on effective communication, which runs April 8-29, and the third module, on Asset-Based Community Development, which runs May 6-27. Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays at Glen Eden Pilot Neighborhood Center, 1500 Glen Eden Drive. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. before each class at no charge.

The Citizens Leadership Academy will be held again in the fall, so anyone who missed the first module, on leadership development, can take it then. When you have completed all three modules, you will receive the Academy Leadership Plaque.

For more information or an application, call the Community Services Department at 919-996-6100 or visit www.raleighnc.gov/communityservices.