

Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

May 8, 1997

The May monthly meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood was held on May 8 at the Tucker House. Tom Gongaware conducted the meeting in place of President Jean Earp who could not be present.

Board members attending were Tom Gongaware, Ruth Sappie, Sharon Waidler, Crystal Farrow, Sherilyn Talbot, Rusty Lurwick, and Ian Shields. Other members attending were Eleannor Arthur, Jackie Twisdale, Tom Robertson, and Stuart George. A quorum was not present.

A Treasurer's report was given and is included as Attachment 1.

Ann Robertson gave a report from the Awards Committee. The committee nominated Tim and Sally Davis for honorary membership in the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. Also nominated for the Special Achievement Award (by an Oakwood resident) was Mamie Bridgers.

It was announced that the Oakwood Garden Club renominated Sherilyn Talbot as its liaison to the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. She reported on the Garden Club's Spring Tour. The first day, Saturday, enjoyed very good attendance, but the next day, Sunday, was poor because of stormy weather. The herb sale at the Oakwood Common by HANDS (Homes and Neighborhood Development) went very well. The next Garden Club event is the judging of May Day baskets. Mamie Bridgers will be the judge. Sharon Waidler expressed the Garden Club's concern that there is no trash can at the Oakwood Common. Sherilyn agreed to look in this and report back at a future meeting.

Tom Gongaware gave a short report on this year's Candlelight Tour. Eight homes have agreed to participate so far.

Jackie Twisdale reported on the Preview Tour. She is close to securing three homes for the tour.

Crystal Farrow gave a security report. She is developing a more readable spreadsheet than the standard police report that is generated for the Oakwood neighborhood each month. It should be ready by the next meeting.

Dave Philbrook sent a Community Development committee report that was read by Tom Gongaware. The City of Raleigh has completed almost all planned property acquisitions in the Hungry Neck neighborhood. The City plans to renovate several existing homes as well as construct new single family housing. The City is planning to remove the historic district overlay for this project. However, developers will be expected to respect the

character of the Oakwood neighborhood in the architectural style of the new buildings and renovations. The City is currently seeking developers for the project. Another change the City is pursuing is changing the zoning density for this project from R10 to R20. Jackie Twisdale thinks there should be a letter from the Society to the City in support of the project. Tom agreed to talk with JeanEarp about a formal response from the Society. A public hearing will be held on this project on May 20.

A discussion occurred about the Society Board's participation in the City's plans for Hungry Neck. Crystal Farrow agreed to write a synopsis of the project and contact all Board members by May 14 and do a round robin conversation with Board members.

As regards new business, the new Walking Tour brochure is at the printers. The annual Jazz Brunch is scheduled for June 1st at the Oakwood Common.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 P.M.