

**Historic Waverly Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting  
November 7, 2016  
Allen University Community Center  
Frank Houston, President**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM

A devotion was offered by James Baker.

The minutes of the last meeting were emailed to all association members with an email address on file as well as handed out to members. James Baker moved that the minutes from the October 3, 2016 meeting be accepted as sent. The motion was seconded by George Bradley. The motion passed.

James Baker moved that the agenda that was presented be accepted. It was second by George Bradley. The motion passed.

**Security Report:** Neither Officer Santos or Officer Brewer were available to give the security report.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Sylvie Dessau. The account balance as of November 7, 2016 is \$634.49. This is the exact same amount from last month. A six cents error was made in last month's report which was reported as \$634.55. The treasure's report also included an error from last month's report here Frank Houston was reimbursed \$108.78 instead of \$108.72 for the supplies he purchased for National Night Out. James Baker moved to accept the treasure's report as presented. It was seconded by George Bradley. The motion passed.

**Storm Drainage Project:** The report on the storm drains was given by Sylvie Dessau in the absence of Louis Dessau. Louis Dessau along with two volunteer students from Allen University. All the storm drainages in the neighborhood have been marked. Notices have been put on the doors of all the houses in the neighborhood. Frank thanked Louis for spearheading the project.

**President's Report:** Frank Houston gave the president's report. There is another hearing in front of City Council on November 15, 2016. There will be one last meeting on December 6, 2016 in front of City Council. An ad hoc committee has been formed to study and strategize ways to rebuild Waverly. One of the primary projects is a Black History Month celebration that brings together entities interested in the development of Waverly including the HWA, Allen University and the five churches and other interested organizations. Frank attended a meeting regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Sylvie Dessau will lead the effort with the support from Tina Marshall-Bradley.

George Bradley provided a report on a meeting with Allen University Steering Committee. Information on Allen University's homecoming activities were emailed to individuals from the association. Notable activities include fireworks on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and that many of the roads will be blocked off for tailgating. Frank reiterated that the fireworks are being handled by a reputable company. He also reported that the Gospel Blowout was spectacular. He commented on the engagement of young people from middle school to college students. James Baker gave a report on the Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> planning meeting. He reported that the committee felt that the presentation that was made in past meeting would stay the same. We are asking that more individuals from the neighborhood should be encouraged to attend the next two meetings. Malcolm Harris indicated that Seth Rose, County Councilman indicated that he would not be able to attend the next hearing because of previous engagement. He indicated that he

would write a letter of support that someone can read. We will also get emails from other individuals who support the overlay. Frank has been asked to join the Benedict Allen Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Application for Action Grant 4 Program: The Application for Action Grant 4 Program was applied for to remove the two large signs entering the neighborhood. Neighborhood participation is required. We will need volunteers to take down the existing signs. The new grant is an opportunity that is only open to specific neighborhoods. Some of the ideas include organization building, block parties and/or activities (although we will not be able to use if for next year's Black History Month), or we can possibly purchase some commercial property.

There was a question regarding the inclusion of Lower Waverly also in the planning. It was noted the overlay is pertaining to Historic Waverly. However, it was noted that all communities in the area need to be involved in decisions that impact the area.

### Guest Speakers

**Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine** thanked the organization for inviting her to speak. She indicated that the historic initiative that will take place in February 2017 is something that the HWNA should make sure that the city knows so that they can provide resources. The history of Waverly is very important to the city. There is a very timely discussion regarding the CDBG may not be available. They are thinking about dedicating this year's funds to the Millwood/Gervais corridor. They will be making a decision regarding the CDBG grant next Tuesday. Usually CDBG grants are done on an annual basis. However, some of the discussion indicate that funds will be targeted and not open to the block grant initiative for the next two to three years.

City Council has asked the CMRTA director make a presentation regarding their plans to move the RTA and the bus system. This meeting will take place on Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in City Council Hall. Everyone was encouraged to attend to voice their opinion regarding any proposed plans.

Regarding the City Council meeting regarding the historic overlay, everyone who speaks is limited to three (3) minutes. Numbers are important. The more people that show up the better. If individuals cannot make it to the meeting in person, then phone calls and emails are also very important. It is important to use every method to reach out to members of City Council in support of the overlay. The public hearing and first reading is the only time that members of the public can speak. It is important to have individuals present at the second reading even though they typically do not speak.

**Traci Young Cooper**, representing Richland School District One (1225 Oak Street), the organization on activities regarding issues related to the school board. Some of the updates included:

- Waverly administration Building replaced the exterior flood (parking lot) lights) Metropolitan Convention Center
- Hurricane makeup days for students – Richland One students will go to school January 13, March 31 and April 17 to make up the three days they missed when schools were closed October 5-7
- Fall Certified Teacher Interview Day – Richland School District One is hosting a Fall Certified Teacher Interview Day on Saturday, November 12, 2016
- Waverley Administration Building held a Fire Drill last week (Required for Safety Compliance)

- Richland One Hall of Fame Gala – Saturday, January 28, 2017 (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM) Metropolitan Convention Center. Honorees Include:
  - William B. “Bill” Dukes
  - Benjamin B. Dunlap
  - Don Frierson
  - Thomas Sinkler Martin
  - Craig Melvin
  - Ronald L. Rhames
- Richland One School Board Race (November 8, 2016) – 4 seats are up for election. Two district seats/and two at-large seats. Schools executive offices are closed on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the elections.
- Richland One is currently developing a series of Summer reading camps scheduled for implementation (Summer 2017). Pursuant to the R2S (Read to Succeed Legislation): 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retention.

Ed McDowell indicated that Ms. Donella Wilson, a member of Waverly is 107 years old this year and has voted. Therefore, there is no reason for any of us not to vote.

Ed McDowell offered the benediction. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 07:22 PM

**Attendance:** Lelar Evans Ryans (First Nazareth Church), Minni Wilson-Burns (Lower Waverly), James A. Baker, Tameika Isaac Devin (City of Columbia), Tina Marshall-Bradley, Sylvie Dessau, Leroy A. Brown, George C. Bradley, Corliss Eubanks, Malcolm A. Harris, Irene J. Harris, Traci Young Cooper (Richland One), Ed McDonald, Ronald Davis, Sylvia Green, Frank Houston

Sincerely,



Tina Marshall-Bradley