

Thompson-Hunter Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Meeting

Meeting Notes // November 18, 2013, 6:30 pm

Location: Mt. Sinai Church (301 S. Swain St.)

Attendance: 23 adults and 4 kids

- *Welcome, Crayons & Coloring Pages for Kids*
 - **Mission:** We are dedicated to improving the quality of life, sense of community, and pride in our urban neighborhood by: 1) Enhancing safety and security, 2) Building community by joining together in a common cause, 3) Promoting neighborhood beautification, 4) Collaborating with city and civic organizations

- *Lindy Pryer's Speed Limit Reduction Proposal*
 - Lindy who is a neighbor who lives on Hargett St. has been working with the city to reduce the speed limit on Hargett St. from 35mph to 25mph.
 - She has used See Click Fix (<http://en.seeclickfix.com/raleigh> or 877-853-1552) to report accidents that have occurred or any other issue that needs attention (i.e. there needs to be a streetlight on a dark corner). She encouraged neighbors to do the same.
 - The city listened and did a traffic survey on Hargett for two days. They counted 450 cars every hour in the 8 hour period they tested. It qualified for speed limit reduction. Speed bumps require over 1000 cars. Stop signs require five wrecks in twelve months at a single intersection.
 - In order for the speed limit to be reduced, the city requires signatures from 75% of the people who live on Hargett St. between East St. and Parrish St., which is on the other side of Tarboro. Lindy and Callie Debellis are working on this. Please email Lindy at adroitthinking@hotmail.com or call her at 865-335-8418 if you are interested in helping. Please let neighbors who live on Hargett St that they will be asked. Renters and church members are allowed to sign in lieu of owners. December 9th is the deadline.
 - Once the speed limit is reduced, speed limit signs will be posted on every block and we will see an increase in police presence to enforce the law, which will help with neighborhood safety.
 - Lindy is happy to help with other streets (Martin, Davie, Cabarrus & Lenoir) if neighbors want the speed limit reduced on those streets, too. We can have all five of the street petitions going at the same time, but they will only approve one at a time.
 - Edward Judkins said that the city is discussing a 2 hr parking limit for non-residents who park on State St and Martin St.

- *Recap of Fall Festival and Neighbor Feedback*
 - Oct 5th. 170 neighbors attended. BBQ cook-off first time hit. Made connections with DTR businesses who will donate again next year. We appreciate all of the support and help that everyone provided!
 - If you attended, do you have any feedback for us?
 - Ways we could improve? Ways you would like to be involved next year? What were some of the highlights for you?
 - The hot dog stand was not a good idea because neighbors had to pay for it and the hot dogs were expensive. We need to trust our neighbors to contribute and bring plenty of food.
 - It has gotten better each year. Neighbors will continue to get more involved and contribute and attend. It is different from the Cooke St festival, but that is okay because we want a more casual, comfortable setting which builds community with neighbors.
 - BBQ cook-off was a good idea. Worth doing again next year.
 - If you didn't attend, what were some of the reasons that kept you from attending?
 - How did you hear about the festival?
 - Flyers and word of mouth
 - **Even if you didn't attend the meeting we would still appreciate your feedback. Please take 5 minutes and click [here](#) to answer this brief survey whether or not you attended the fall festival. Thank you!!**

- *Dinner & Diversity Announcement*

Mark your calendars for Monday, January 27 / 6:00 - 7:30 PM / Treasuring Christ (old YWCA building) for our annual Dinner & Diversity event.

 - Enjoy shared time over a meal as neighbors, participate in a fun activity to grow neighborhood community. More info to come. We'll pass out flyers week of Jan. 13, so if you want to help, let us know (info@thompson-hunter.org)

- *Thanksgiving Basket Project*
 - We're collecting canned goods for Hunter Elementary School who is compiling donations and providing Thanksgiving meals for families whose kids attend Hunter and cannot provide a nice Thanksgiving meal. Many of those families live in our neighborhood. You can drop donations off at 702 E. Hargett St in the box on the porch until Sunday Nov. 23rd. For more information, check out <http://www.thompson-hunter.org/thanksgiving-baskets>
 - The THNA has also been collecting food for Vinson, a fellow neighbor, as each year he hosts a Thanksgiving meal for any and all who want to come. His food stamps have been stopped, so this year the THNA has helped him solicit donations from the neighborhood. The neighborhood's generosity was overwhelming and all of the requests were supplied. Thank you to all who contributed! All are welcome at his house (306 Freeman St) at 1:00 on Thanksgiving Day.