

# Avondale Estates

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD JOINT WORK SESSION

Monday, May 3, 2010

Immediately following Architectural Review Board Meeting

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Jim Glover/Doug Leckband, Chairman's  
Todd Pullen  
Patrick O'Connor

**Staff Present:** Monica Callahan, Consultant  
Ken Kocher, Consultant

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 8:22 p.m. by Chairman Glover and Chairman Leckband.

Item 2. Historic District History/Bridal Paths

Chairman Leckband asked if Chairman Glover has had a chance to do anything on the history piece for the newsletter.

Chairman Glover stated that he and City Clerk Owens are working on the piece for the July/August issue. Chairman Glover gave the board a basic overview of what the first newsletter piece will cover: Overview of the history of Avondale and why it is so great, the various commissions that the City has in place, this is how you as a citizen can express your views on the issues/concerns regarding the district, and these are some of the projects the board is looking at doing, and the bridal paths history.

Chairman Leckband noted that at the last Board of Mayor and Commissioners Work Session, City Manager Brown gave a cost estimate of what it would take to clear the bridal paths. Chairman Leckband noted that the concerns of the board were the concerns of the residents who adjoin the paths, the outcry from the residents as to why we doing this and a general overall security concern.

Patrick O'Connor stated that he understood the residents concern but the paths are City property.

Chairman Glover spoke about the bridal paths and residents knowing the paths were there when they bought their homes.

Chairman Leckband stated that whole idea of writing the newsletter article is to reeducate our public as to why the board is here, what the board's is planning and what is our historic district and the uniqueness of it. Chairman Leckband noted that the City has the Garden Clubs, Community Club the Men's Club, and Boy Scout's as manpower areas to draw on to assist in restoring these areas once the board gets everyone's attention.

Consultant Callahan asked if City Manager Brown had presented a cost estimate to clear all three paths.

Chairman Glover stated yes.

Chairman Leckband stated that he heard the cost would be around \$100,000 (three parks and seven paths).

Chairman Glover stated that they should not try to do all of it at once. Chairman Glover feels that the Dartmouth, and Clarendon to Berkeley would be the first.

Chairman Leckband stated that he feels the board should keep their options open until after the board gets the public input.

Consultant Callahan stated that the board needs a plan so you can state what you want in which park.

Chairman Glover stated the residents would love a dog park.

Board discussed what to include in the bridal path article, history of paths, pros for the paths, stories from residents who grew up here regarding the paths.

Consultant Callahan suggested the board officially appoint a subcommittee and include that in the first newsletter, it would be a subcommittee to study and look at the history of Avondale and then they could publish the articles for the newsletter instead of the board. Consultant Callahan suggested two members from the board, two members from the garden club, members of the community and by working with the Garden Club they have a 3K grant that they can apply for from the Garden Club of America which could assist with the costs.

The board was in agreement that a subcommittee should be formed.

Chairman Glover suggested that they could get different groups to “adopt a path” ie. art path, school path, etc,

Consultant Callahan stated that a good example is what Suwanee has done for a walking trail where they put down clay ornaments along the path and he encouraged Chairman Glover to contact Denise Brinson of Suwanee for some clever ideas.

Doug Leckband noted that the City of Decatur does design awards where they give out certificates and he was wondering how the board felt about having an Avondale Estates Historic Preservation Design Award to acknowledge some of the homes that the board has reviewed that they feel are superior.

The board felt the design award was a good idea.

The board feels that the awards should be presented at the Board of Mayor and Commissioners Regular meetings and acknowledged at the State of the City meeting. Board reviewed possible guidelines for the design awards and they will work on a timetable.

Consultant Callahan stated this is another item that could be included in the newsletter piece that the board will be starting an annual design award and get the communities feedback.

Item 3. Zoning description for Residential, CBDZ, Commercial (All other) for Atlanta Regional Commission

Board reviewed an email from City Manager Brown regarding sections 1510 and 1514 of the zoning ordinance in which the board needs to generate some language. Chairman Leckband asked for the board's comments. Chairman Leckband will write up the language from the comments he has received and send it to the board for feedback. Board discussed administrative approval for minor works. Consultant Callahan noted the importance of indicating in the ordinance that the list of minor works is available with the City Clerk. Chairman Leckband will work on the language to include in the ordinance. Chairman Leckband noted that the board had been provided with a list of minor works from several years ago from Consultant Callahan/Kocher for review so the board can revise and approve. Consultant Callahan noted that some cities have a separate application for minor works. Consultant Callahan and Kocher will work on the minor works list. Board will discuss the minor works information at the next work session

Item 4. Side by side review of Residential Guidelines and Commercial Guidelines

Deferred until next work session.

Item 5. Checklists for Certificate of Appropriateness Submissions

Deferred until next work session.

Item 6. Review of Minor vs. Major works

Item 7. Fees

Deferred until next work session.

Item 8. Checklists for Administrative approval of Minor Works

Deferred until next work session.

Item 9. Other items deemed appropriate for discussion

Chairman Doug Leckband noted that he has received a request from City Manager Brown and the Planning and Zoning Board that they will be interviewing shortly for the City Planner position and they want to know if the board has any specific questions to ask the interviewees. Chairman Leckband will forward the board a copy of the City Planner job description and he asked the board to forward their questions to him by tomorrow.

It was the consensus of the board to have a Special Called Joint Work Session on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., to continue the items that were not discussed at the meeting tonight.

Item 10. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. was made by Todd Pullen, seconded by Patrick O'Connor, passed with all ayes (4-0).

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

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Jim Glover, Chairman