



## **BLOCKWORK SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**June 24, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Levonia Corry, Donovan Hamm, Michael Hannah, William Matthews, Sue McHugh, Barbara Perry, Lynn Raker, Karl Sale, and Diana Moghrabi

The 2015 Salisbury BlockWork Project is scheduled for Make a Difference Day October 24, 2015. The Community Appearance Commission and the Housing Advocacy Commission are partners in this program. These two commissions have common goals to clean up neighborhoods in an effort to make neighborhoods safer and to improve the quality of life for Salisbury residents. This is the fifth year for the program.

At a meeting June 24, 2015, at 11:30 in the first floor conference room at City Hall, the committee discussed possible locations for this year's BlockWork project. Lynn Raker provided background information on the project.

Three new applications were received this year:

- The 400 block of South Lee Street has serious issues that cannot be addressed with volunteers. This will require housing rehabilitation. The commercial building is being addressed from an historical standpoint by Code Services.
- The application for the 900 block of South Jackson Street is mainly for green space. However, a local developer, Joe Brooks, is assembling some properties for rehabilitation in Chestnut Hill. Staff has met with him and went into several of the houses he is considering for this project. There is a proposal to do BlockWork on the same block as a possible partnership.
- The 800 block of North Main Street has a good mix of owner-occupied and rental properties, but there are some safety concerns. Main Street, a wide expanse of asphalt, would have to be shut down for the day; the City Engineer is not in favor of that. The other challenge is a huge stormwater sink hole that runs with a vacant house. This needs to be addressed.

The committee looked at a number of blocks on South Church Street. They all agreed that was the neighborhood for the 2015 BlockWork project. Staff will follow up to find the right block.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned.