



Cottontown News

The Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association

July 2006

Special Neighborhood Meeting

Sunday, August 13, 2006

3:00 p.m.

North Main Street Fire Station
Corner of Main Street and Geiger Avenue

Neighborhood association members and residents are encouraged to attend a special meeting of the neighborhood association to take action on two important neighborhood issues:

- 1) Vote on beginning the process to seek city designation as a Design Preservation District
- 2) Vote on proposed amendments to the neighborhood association bylaws

Details on reverse. Neighborhood association dues must be current to vote. You may renew your membership or join the organization using the form below.

COTTONTOWN MEMBERSHIP FORM

Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association
We welcome home owners and renters alike!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Best Time to Call: _____

E-mail address: _____

I would like to join the neighborhood association. Enclosed are my dues for \$_____.
Dues are \$5.00 for a household. Checks may be made payable to "Cottontown"

I would like to join a committee: Traffic Historic preservation
 Crime Watch Neighborhood Beautification

Please mail this form and your dues to our Treasurer,
Amy Herin, 1402 Summerville Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201.

Design Preservation? You Decide!

After several years of discussion and planning, it is time for the members of the neighborhood association to vote on whether the Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District should become designated by the city as a design preservation district. Design preservation is intended to protect the historic character of the neighborhood by adding a review process when changes are proposed for structures and properties located within the district.

What Design Preservation Will Do	What it Will Not Do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Protect the neighborhood’s historic character. ✍ Make sure new construction fits the context of the neighborhood. ✍ Review plans for <u>EXTERIOR</u> changes to buildings, demolitions, new construction and signage ✍ Assist property owners in making good decisions about proposed changes and new construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Will NOT impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✍ Interior changes ✍ Minor repairs ✍ Exterior paint color choices ✍ Landscaping ✍ Anything not visible from the public right of way.

Find more information about design preservation online at
http://www.columbiascdevelopment.com/planning_pz.asp

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Board Proposes Bylaws Changes

The neighborhood’s bylaws committee has been working on some updates and revisions for the neighborhood association’s bylaws, on which members will vote at the August 13 special meeting. Complete descriptions and explanations of every proposed change are posted on the Cottontown web site at www.cottontown.us. **You may request a printed copy by contacting any association board member.** In summary, the proposed new bylaws:

- ✍ Increase required neighborhood meetings from 1 to 2 per year.
- ✍ Increase number of signatures required to request a special meeting from 10 to 20 (5% of households).
- ✍ Change the current office of vice president to president-elect.
- ✍ Set terms for offices of president and president-elect at 2 years.
- ✍ Create a nominating committee to recruit new board members.
- ✍ Formalize the nomination and election process for board and officers.
- ✍ Formalize standing committees and expectations for their work.