

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
January 21, 2004**

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:

Fran and Dennis Leftwich, new residents of the Adair Estates, were in attendance. Kathy Smith, and her husband Charles, of Coventry also introduced themselves. Davis Fox of the Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) and Dan Broussard of the DeKalb Planning Commission were also present. Thanks to Pam Terry, for the refreshments.

Approval of Minutes: The November Board Meeting Minutes were approved with two edits. The addition of "Due to concerns expressed by numerous board members," was added to the TO DO section of the Emory Students Noise Ordinance Presentation. The line "OLPA's preference is that the playground be relocated out of Springdale Park" was removed from the Springdale Park section. DHCA Secretary Tricia Elam will make these edits and redistribute.

Tour of Homes Committee Report: (Tricia Elam)

Tricia Elam provided a written status update, see attached, with the following three items reviewed verbally:

1. Leah Ng has joined the Tour Committee as Revenue Co-Chair.
2. We are still looking for a co co-chair for Operations to take over from Tricia. Organizational skills, cell phone, email and availability Tour Weekend, April 16 – 18th are key.
3. A Board Sign-up sheet was passed around. Board Members not present at this meeting will be emailed. Four choices were provided to board members, with each board member asked to select AT LEAST ONE volunteer opportunity.

Land Use Report: (Bruce MacGregor)

Nunan Property: Neither Chuck nor Bruce Wobeck have had any response to their emails requesting status from Susan Garrett. Jim reported that the HPC has been informed that the case may be heard in a couple weeks.

TO DO:

Chuck to follow up again with Susan regarding this issue.

Three Upcoming Potential Ordinance Changes: Bruce reviewed three ordinances that are currently being reviewed: the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) ordinance, the Pedestrian Community District (PCD) ordinance and the House of Worship Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) ordinance. Guest, Don Broussard, believes that the planning commission may see these within the next 2 ½ weeks. Gale Walldorff has expressed her concern with the PCD ordinance. There is currently a moratorium on the use of the Traditional Neighborhood Development zoning that the commission is anxious to lift. They will more than likely restore some previous zoning designations on property previously zoned R-CH due to issues implementing the TND.

A motion was approved to allow the Executive Committee to take action on the above three ordinances if time frames required a decision before the next Board Meeting.

TO DO:

Bruce M. will review the three ordinances and provide position paper.

Infill Development Citizens Group: There is an Infill Development Citizens group forming, in part due to issues in the Oak Grove area. A similar group is forming in the City of Atlanta. Please let Bruce MacGregor know if you have an interest in being involved.

TO DO:

Julie Ralston mentioned that the ARC was creating a document that reviewed current ARC information on development policies and provided tools to help implement them. When the final version is released the DHCA will obtain a copy of these.

Development Impact Fee Legislation: There is currently state legislation (HR350) pending for a referendum to allow the inclusion of schools in Development Impact Fees.

TO DO:

Bruce M. will forward the bill info to Faye for circulation to the board prior to the Feb. board meeting. Chuck will provide analysis on what this means.

Lullwater Roundabout Update: (Tricia Elam)

A written status was provided of the November meeting with Michael Wallwork, see attached. The board and Historic Preservation Committees will be kept up-to-date as soon as more information and the revised detailed design becomes available.

Alida Silverman, Jim Earhart, Cynthia Tauxe, David Martin and Tricia Elam met regarding preliminary input on items such as materials, but will further review their input once the updated design has been reviewed.

C-Loop/Beltline – Public Meeting January 22nd: (Tricia Elam)

The C-Loop option directly connects the Clifton Corridor to the Marta Lindbergh station using existing rail lines and was previously endorsed by the DHCA in 2001. The Beltline is another inner loop project, but does not directly affect Druid Hills. A motion was approved for the DHCA to send a letter expressing support for transit alternatives and specifically supporting the C-Loop.

TO DO:

Tricia Elam and Charlie Bleau will draft an updated letter for Chuck's signature.

2004 Budget: (Pam Terry)

Pam presented the balanced budget and reviewed the following details.

- Last year (2003), DHCA operated at a deficit, which was covered by use of the reserve funds.
- We plan to better organize grant requests and review these as a group after tour proceeds are known.
- Leah offered to pursue an alternative storage facility.

A motion was approved to approve the 2004 budget.

Nominating Committee/Annual Meeting Plans/Bylaws: (Julie Ralston)

The 2006 Slate of Officers includes:

President: Rolf Grun
1st Vice President: Bruce Wobeck
Administrative Vice President: Tricia Elam
Communications Vice President: Ellen Nemhauser
Secretary: Walter Saunders
Treasurer: Pam Terry

The nominating committee is still working to fill the remaining holes on the Board of Director classes. The nominations will be published on DruidHills.org, a Community Connection to be released tomorrow and via e-Lert.

Annual Meeting Plans: The Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, Feb 1 at 2:00. The Schwartz Center for Performing Arts upper lobby holds about 100 chairs. Faye requested that everyone take a sign to publicize the meeting.

TO Dos:

Pam Terry will be coordinating food and drinks with Faye.

Faye will follow-up on the use of AV equipment in the upper lobby.

Tricia to forward nominations to Chuck and Philip for website.

Faye to complete Community Connection and eLert for nominations.

All board members will be reminded in February of the attendance policy stated in our Bylaws. Please make sure to sign-in at the board meetings.

Miscellaneous:

- Please let Chuck Palmer know if you are interested in being nominated for Leadership DeKalb.
- Commissioner Yates is holding a public meeting regarding Park Bond Expenditures on January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Decatur Library.
- Emory requested people to serve on an Emory Master Plan committee. Cynthia Tauxe, Bruce MacGregor and Mark Goldman were appointed as the DHCAs representatives with Debbie Sinex as an alternate. There was not much progress at the first meeting, but the need for a multi-purpose building for large events was discussed as well as the proposed parking deck on Oxford and its use as public parking for Emory Village.

Other:

Alliance to Improve Emory Village Update: (Davis Fox and Debbie Sinex)

Davis had the following updates for AIEV:

1. 2 potential dates are being discussed for the next public meeting – the last Tuesday in February or the first Tuesday in March. This meeting will review the results of the North Decatur modeling.
2. A physical survey of overhead and underground utilities was conducted. This also determined the exact location of all physical features in the Village, both natural and buildings.

Debbie mentioned that Emory students were doing a survey of things they would like to see in the Village. She proposed that the DHCA do something similar for the residents.

TO DO:

Debbie Sinex will put together a survey for Druid Hills' resident input on the Village for the Spring issue of the Druid Hills News. Deadline is Feb. 27th.

Noise Ordinance Variance Request by Emory Students: (Cynthia Tauxe)

Cynthia, Stefan Tigges and Pam Terry met with a couple Emory Administrators for Student Life and three students including the president of the Student Government Association regarding their proposal at our November board meeting. There was also a DeKalb County policeman recently hired for zoning enforcement. This group collectively agreed that:

- Student Life would look for funds to hire an acoustical engineer to help review plans for a noise level study.
- This noise level study would simulate both everyday background noise as well as special events to determine a baseline of current noise in various areas of our neighborhood.

TO DO:

Cynthia to draft a letter to Dr. Wagner reviewing the progress made and indicating that the “ball is now in the students' court”, since he brought this specific issue to our attention at the reception.

Thank You From Dr. Wagner: Chuck reported that Dr. Wagner sent a thank you note for our reception.

Playground Meeting: (Pam Terry)

Two meetings have been held. There is a strong feeling that Druid Hills needs to have its own playground. The two alternative locations discussed included Jackson Hill Baptist and Springdale Park, but perhaps in a different location. A playground similar to the Cunard Memorial Playground in Virginia-Highland was discussed. The committee will also continue to look at opportunities in unincorporated DeKalb County.

Freedom Park Conservancy Request: (Alida Silverman)

The Freedom Park Conservancy is trying to raise the remaining \$200,000 necessary to install the Thornton Dial sculpture honoring U.S. Rep John Lewis. It was decided that we would wait until we review all grant requests, post Tour, and possibly announce a “matching grant” program for Druid Hills residents to handle this request.

Thanks to Chuck:

Julie Ralston led the board in thanking Chuck for his efforts the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned.