

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
May 19, 2004**

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:

Doug Estes a resident was in attendance. Ed Tamis another resident also attended. Davis Fox of the Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) was present. Natalie DiSantis also attended.

Approval of Minutes and Status of Action Items from the Previous Meetings (Review To-Do List):

The Board Minutes were approved without change.

The To-Do List was reviewed.

CoA Application for 1293 Oakdale Road - Doug Estes: Mr. Estes who owns 1293 Oakdale Road with his wife, Sylvia Martin. Presented his plans to demolish his current residence and build a new house. He has lived on the property since 1991. At the time they bought the house, they understood that the foundation was severely compromised by some water, possibly an underground spring. They planned to remedy the situation when they had enough money. They now are in position to be able to do what they want with the property but have determined that it is not economically feasible to repair the foundation and have applied for a CoA to demolish the house and build a new residence. He began his application process last year but has had several deferrals. He understands that the historic preservation guidelines discourage demolition but sees his property as a unique case. It was explained that the DHCA does not have any power over historic preservation but merely advocates for the guidelines in front of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Board Changes:

Rolf Grun announced that Bill Albright had officially resigned from the Board.

David Winston and Natalie DiSantis were nominated and elected to the Board.

Rolf Grun announced that Bruce Wobeck will be moving in July and will need to be replaced. He asked if anyone had any thoughts on a replacement.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta - Tricia Elam and Faye Goolrick: As Tricia was not in attendance, Faye reported that the DHCA had written a letter stating opposition to CHOA's application for a variance to build their underground parking deck. At the Zoning Board meeting, the variance was approved. Faye does not believe that the zoning board fully understood the scope of a 1000 space parking structure.

Jay McMullen brought up a concern about the noise and congestion caused by the large number of bump trucks that will be required to remove the fill dirt from the site, as well as the speed at which such trucks travel through the neighborhood.

Davis Fox urged the DHCA to encourage Emory to limit parking demand by raising parking pricing.

Debbie Sinex moved that a letter be written to CCTMA regarding these issues. The motion passed.

TO DO: Jeff Rader to write the letter to CCTMA.

Letter to Dekalb BOC re: Infrastructure Vote - Rolf Grun: Rolf explained why the letter to the BOC was never sent. Chuck Palmer and his committee did submit to letter to Rolf for signature but by this time, the issue was over two months old and Rolf declined to sign it because he felt it put the DHCA in a bad light because of the lateness of response.

Board Retreat Update - Rolf Grun: Rolf reported that the Board Retreat will be held on June 8th. This

was the most popular date of the 22 Board Members who responded to his request for available dates.

TO DO: Rolf to videotape the retreat for Board Members who cannot attend.

Nunan Property Update: A flyer is being distributed to residents of Clifton Road to inform them of the situation.

The Motion filed to dismiss the CoA appeal looks like it will probably be granted.

Playground Committee Update - Deb Stone: Deb reports that the committee has been meeting monthly with Beth Grashof of OLP and the playground designer to select playground structures and materials. The process is going well.

Announcements:

Sign Ordinance - Bruce McGregor: No new news.

Potential Web Site Assistance - Rolf Grun: Rolf announced that David Peterson of the North Highland Company is interested in helping with the web site on a *pro bono* basis.

Copy of Acrobat? - Rolf Grun: Rolf Grun asked is anyone has access to a copy of Adobe Acrobat which the DHCA could use on the website. Deb Stone said that she could provide a copy.

Atlanta Police Foundation race - Rolf Grun: Rolf announced that the Atlanta Police Foundation is having a race in Piedmont Park on July 24th. They are seeking teams and Rolf was wondering if there was any interest in the neighborhood.

NPU Resolutions on Water and Sewer Projects and Rates - Rolf Grun and Deb Stone: These are two resolutions which are in Atlanta City Council and are scheduled for a vote on June 12th. The first has to do with Water/Sewer Projects. The resolution seeks assurances that the citizens of Atlanta will not have to pay to fix the CSO sewer for a fourth time once it is fixed in its present third attempt.

The second resolution has to do with water/sewer rates. It seeks to establish a “dollar-for-dollar” reduction in water/sewer rates for any Federal/State/or Local grants, loans, taxes, etc. which become available.

A motion passed to support both resolutions.

Clifton Corridor Transportation Update: Hal Riggs represented the neighborhood at a meeting conducted on the Emory campus with a committee studying the Clifton Corridor and the transportation needs of Emory, the CDC, and the American Cancer Society. The study is looking at the transportation needs in the years 2006, 2011, and 2020. This study includes a number of concepts including: heavy rail, light rail, commuter rail and light-light rail. The committee wants to look at all the transportation possibilities. The committee will supply the DHCA board with slides of their presentation and will be invited to make a presentation to the Board.

1595 Emory Road Demolition by Neglect: Walter Saunders reported that the DeKalb County Historic Preservation had not met since the last Board meeting to discuss this issue. Walter will bring it up at the next meeting.

Golden Key Property: Joni Winston was not able to make it to the meeting to report about the town hall meeting she held. Jay McMullen who did attend the meeting reported that the project is probably not going to go forward on the schedule originally proposed because of difficulty of securing a anchor tenant that is a non-profit organization that can afford to lease 5,000 sq. ft. at a cost of \$75,000 per year. It was also now understood that DHCA would have to rent space at some rental rate and provide some monetary support.

Announcements:

Board Retreat - Ellen Nemhauser announced that the Board Retreat would be rescheduled at a time when more board members could attend. She circulated a list of possible meeting times to determine the best time for rescheduling.

Tour of Homes Recap: Krista Brewer reported that we had a successful tour. Attendance was as follows: Friday - 350 attendees; Saturday - 750 attendees; and, Sunday - 650 attendees for a total of 1,715. She thanked her co-chairs and all the committee members who contributed so greatly to this year's successful tour.

Pam Terry, Treasurer, reported that we had received approximately \$22,000 in ticket sales from the tour so far. She estimates that we will have another \$4,000 to \$5,000 from tickets sold at Chapter 11 and Pike's, bring the estimated total to \$26,000 to \$27,000.

DeKalb County Historic Preservation Legislation: Alida Silverman asked that discussion of this item be held at next month's meeting.

Reprints of *Southern Living* Article: This will be discussed at a future meeting.

AIEV Update: Davis Fox reported that the AIEV is working on issues related to transportation. The zoning overlay and amendments to the zoning ordinance are in the works. RFP's have been sent out to nine architectural firms for design of the village.

The meeting was adjourned.

