

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

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:

Doug Estes and Ed Tamis, both residents, were in attendance. Davis Fox of the Alliance to Improve Emory Village (AIEV) was present. Natalie DiSantis, Board member-elect was also present.

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

The April 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:

- 1 Rolf Grun announced that Bill Albright had officially resigned from the Board.
- 2 David Winston and Natalie DiSantis were nominated and elected to the Board.
- 3 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 dump 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 not 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 will be 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 OLPA and the playground designer to select playground structures and materials. The process is going well.

Announcements:

- 1 Sign Ordinance - Bruce McGregor: No new news.
- 2 Potential Web Site Assistance - Rolf Grun: Rolf announced that David Peterson of the North Highland Company, and resident of Druid Hills, may be able to help with the web site on a *pro bono* basis.
- 3 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.
- 4 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 interested parties should contact the Foundation.

NPU Resolutions on Water and Sewer Projects and Rates - Rolf Grun and Deb Stone: This is a resolution which is in Atlanta City Council and is scheduled for a vote on June 12th. It 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.

A motion passed to support the resolution.

Treasurer's Report - Pam Terry: Pam Terry presented the quarterly Treasurer's report. This report covered the period January 1 through March 31, 2004.

Contribution to Bill Kennedy Scholarship - Chuck Palmer: This had been brought up at the March Board Meeting but was tabled pending the success of the Tour of Homes. A motion passed to contribute \$500.00 this year with the indication that the DHCA might be in a position to contribute a like amount next year.

Recognition for Edward Vinson, former DHCA President - Rolf Grun: It has been reported to Rolf that someone had seen in an obituary of Edward Vinson that he was a past president of the DHCA. A motion passed to send a card of condolence to Mr. Vinson's family.

TO DO: Faye Goolrick will research to find where to send such a card.

Infill Development Meeting and Task Force and Building Heights in Emory Village - Bruce McGregor: Bruce McGregor expressed concern with a concept that is being circulated for Emory Village to permit a maximum height of four stories. He was checking to see if this was of concern to the Board.

Davis Fox of AIEV said that the height is still in committee and that it would be premature to comment at this time. He suggests that the Board wait until the concept is presented for public comment.

Bruce reported on the meeting of the Infill Development Task Force. This task force meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Manuel Maloof Building. It is likely that a recommended ordinance on Infill Development will arise from this group.

John Lewis Memorial Bridge project for Freedom Parkway - Alida Silverman: Alida reports that donations are being solicited for this sculpture which will be placed on Freedom Parkway in honor of John Lewis. Several other neighborhoods have made donations. It was suggested that the Board might want to encourage members of the neighborhood to donate with the DHCA matching such donations up to a total amount of \$1,000 contributed by the DHCA.

Date for Fall Picnic - Rolf Grun: Rolf asked about dates for the Fall Picnic. It was determined that the picnic will take place on the third weekend of October.

AIEV Update - Davis Fox: Davis announced that a traffic study presentation will be made to the public on June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in White Hall, room 101.

The meeting was adjourned.