

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Druid Hills Civic Association  
June 16, 2004**

**Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:**

There were several visitors present including: Jeanette Rozier, candidate for Clerk of Superior Court; Ken Jones, candidate for DeKalb super district 6; Kathie Gannon, candidate for DeKalb super district 6; Earnie Redwine for Judge McCalla, candidate for State Court of DeKalb County (Judge McCalla arrived later in the meeting); Anne Fauver, city council representative; Davis Fox for AIEV; and Carol Sleeth, former board member and NPU rep for Druid Hills.

**Approval of Minutes and Status of Items from Previous Meetings:**

The minutes were approved amended as follows. The sentence under John Lewis Memorial Bridge that read "It was suggested that the Board might want to encourage members of the neighborhood to donate with the DHCA matching such donations with a cap on the total amount contributed by DHCA." Should be changed to read "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 \$1000 contributed by the DHCA."

The following items had status changes:

ITEM 7: The Playground will be on the July agenda.

ITEM 9: Should be changed to read Edward Vinson. Faye needs to check with Glenn Memorial Church for information to send a condolence card.

ITEM 10: Changed to HIGH priority.

**Nomination for the Executive Committee:**

The Nominating Committee nominated Bruce MacGregor to the Executive Committee. This was approved by the Board.

**Nunan Property Update:**

Bruce Wobeck reported that a Flyer is being prepared and it was decided to include this flyer in the Summer DH News distribution. The hearing for the motion to dismiss has not yet been scheduled.

**AIEV Update:**

Davis Fox reported that the alternative configuration for the Emory Village intersection was due to Emory changing their mind about letting Dowman be one-way inbound. However, the geometry of the intersection did not work. Plan C that is now being considered includes twisting the roundabout to allow for Dowman to be one-way. Results should be available in one week and the public meeting will be rescheduled. This would include North Oxford in the roundabout, remove some greenspace from the Emory side of North Oxford, and add some greenspace in front of the Chevron gas station. The design phase is beginning and construction drawings could be expected in nine months.

**Lullwater Roundabout:**

Tricia Elam reported that the construction on the Lullwater Roundabout should begin in a couple of weeks. The granite wall at the highest point will be 5 ½ feet, three of the four trees were saved, there will still be concrete curb and gutter and the signage has stayed relatively the same. DeKalb County provided samples of the stamped concrete for our opinion and we have provided the historic guidelines for landscaping to the consultants for planting suggestions. Kathie suggested we include updates on this on the website if possible.

**Pool Together:**

Rolf Grun reported Pool Together met with Emory, who will consider the options for their plan in the Master Planning process that is currently underway.

**Position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (non agenda item):**

Rolf Grun asked the Nominating Committee to provide suggestions for Bruce Wobeck's replacement. Bruce will be moving in early July.

**Announcements:**

- 1 **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Let Tricia know if you would like to help make posters.
- 2 **Twilight Tour of Druid Hills:** Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 3 **Election Day:** Alida noted that many races will be decided on July 20<sup>th</sup>, so everyone remind your friends and family to vote.
- 4 **Druid Hills News:** Mary Angela had the blue line copy, we will need to get out ASAP for the parade announcement. Division Chairs should have by next Tuesday for distribution.

**1424 Fairview Road:**

The City of Atlanta Urban Design Commission approved a COA for the renovation of this property with a 4-3 vote. The plans call for demolishing the 1960s addition and adding a 46' deep addition that varies in width from 38 – 44'. Alida said that this addition ignores the Secretary of the Interior standards regarding scale. Alida reported that the legal committee had recommended there was no good basis for appeal, but felt that we needed to seek some remedy of the situation. We do not know if the adjacent neighbors have an issue with the renovation.

A motion was initiated and seconded to file an appeal if we can find an appropriate plaintiff and authorized spending \$3000 on the appeal/lawsuit against the UDC. This motion was not approved by a vote of eight in favor and 14 opposed.

A second motion was initiated and seconded to submit a letter to the UDC Commissioners and Executive Director. This motion was approved by a vote of twenty-four to zero.

**TO DO: Chuck Palmer and Alida Silverman will write the letter.**

**UDC Letter regarding MLK Historic District (non-agenda item):**

Alida also requested that the DHCA write a letter to the UDC in support of the MLK Landmark Historic District. A developer is proposing demolition of three historic buildings in the Auburn Avenue area on basis of economic hardship. A motion was approved to send a letter of support with the understanding that there are no public safety or structural issues with the buildings.

**Board Retreat Follow-Up:**

There was not enough time to discuss the results of the breakout groups at this meeting. Rolf Grun asked that Mark Goldman, Ellen Nemhauser and Tricia Elam compile the three groups lists and circulate for the next board meeting.

**Phyllis Anne Freedman Schwartz Remembrance:**

Bruce MacGregor suggested that we plant a tree, possibly in the Lullwater Roundabout, and send a letter of condolence for this former Civic Association President and leader of the CAUTION road fight effort. The motion was approved.

**Public Comment:**

Anne Fauver reminded everyone that the 1% Sales Tax Referendum was on the July 20<sup>th</sup> ballot. 43% of this tax will come from non-residents. The City Council resolutions on the Sales Tax specify a dollar for dollar rollback of the sewer and water fee increases.

Bruce MacGregor reported that the DeKalb Civic Coalition was working on a letter to DeKalb officials that requested they start enforcing the existing stream buffer laws. The board authorized Rolf Grun to sign the letter at his discretion if this was necessary before the July board meeting.