

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
August 18, 2004**

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:

Visitors included Georgia Power representatives David Purcell, Druid Hills resident and AIEV representative Davis Fox, and Bryan Shaw, chip Bullock, and Joel Putterman from CCTMA.

CCTMA Transportation Study: Attendees were reminded that a public workshop on the CCTMA Study was scheduled for August 26 at Maloof Auditorium in Decatur.

Georgia Power Line Maintenance: David Purcell and other representatives from Georgia Power described their plans for some intensive power line maintenance in Druid Hills to begin in early September. Purcell emphasized that Georgia Power will approach this task with respect for Druid Hills as a unique historic neighborhood requiring special care. However, he cited a pressing need for improved safety and easier access in order to assure reliable service, especially after storm outages. So far, Georgia Power has done a detailed survey of poles needing replacement or improved access, such as adding gates in homeowner backyard walls or fences. In the coming weeks, the company will conduct a direct mail and a door-to-door information campaign to inform homeowners and work with them on a case-by-case basis as work begins throughout the neighborhood. Purcell also distributed a booklet, "Brightening People's Lives for 100 Years," that included some interesting historical accounts and photographs about providing electricity in Druid Hills.

Alliance to Improve Emory Village: Davis Fox told the group that the AIEV was working with the Peavine Watershed Alliance about watershed and stormwater issues.

Hands On Atlanta Day: Rolf Grun reminded the board of a special Hands On Atlanta Day on October 2. Board members and Division Chairs were encouraged to consider forming volunteer teams to represent Druid Hills.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Stone presented the Treasurer's Report for Pam Terry, who had to leave the meeting early. According to Jan-June figures, membership dues have yielded \$1799, or 12% of the projected annual budget, while newsletter ads had yielded \$6615, or 37% of the projected budget. [Note: These numbers were corrected by email from Pam Terry later that evening; correct figures are membership dues of \$1,014 (13.4% of budget) and newsletter ads totaling \$7845 (46.1% of budget).]

Nunan Property Update: President Rolf Grun reported that the developers seeking to subdivide the Nunan property are expected to go before the DeKalb Board of Commissioners within 45 days to file an appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission's denial of a COA.

Approval of Minutes: The July Board Minutes were approved without change.

Proposed Springdale Park Play Structure: Rolf Grun presented an update on the ongoing discussion between the Atlanta Urban Design Commission, OLPA, and the City of Atlanta Parks Commission about the proposed play structure in Springdale Park and/or Jackson Hill Park; at this point, the UDC has deferred the application, and there is little indication of any compromise among the various constituencies on this issue. Rolf recommended that DHCA neither oppose nor support OLPA's application for a playground in Springdale.

It was moved and seconded that Rolf write a letter to the UDC stating DHCA's neutral position on this issue. (Letter attached)

Board Retreat Issues: Due to lack of time, the Board agreed to postpone further discussion of Retreat

issues until a separate meeting could be convened.

Public Comment Period: No speakers

The meeting was adjourned.