

**Annual Meeting
Druid Hills Civic Association
February 13, 2005**

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:

Tricia Elam, Administrative Vice President welcomed the membership and several of our elected officials. These included: State Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, County Commissioners Larry Johnson, Gail Waldorf and Kathryn Gannon, State Judge Johnnie Panos, Sam Williams of the Metro Chamber of Commerce, Dell MacGregor of the Soil and Water Conservation Board and State Senator David Adelman.

State of the Neighborhood - outgoing President Rolf Grun:

Rolf reported that the state of the neighborhood is strong. The Druid Hills Civic Association is still vital after 66 years. Rolf addressed the objectives of the Civic Association as presented by the By Laws and presented this year's accomplishments as they related to each of the objectives:

- A. To formulate, disseminate, and vigorously pursue a community program for betterment of the Druid Hills section of DeKalb County;
- B. To ensure that this area is preserved principally for high quality residential use and thus retain its identity as an essential element of a well planned metropolitan area; this year the DHCA was successful in coming to some resolution on the AEPi fraternity house located on Briardale Lane.
- C. To encourage the development of facilities or activities required for the support of this area and its residents; DHCA has assisted residents of the Edmund Park neighborhood in attempting to purchase green space to add to a nature preserve, DHCA has contributed to OLPA's restoration of the Olmstead Linear Park system, DHCA has hosted events: The 4th of July Parade, Tour of Homes, Fall Picnic and instituted the Merchant Discount Program.
- D. To oppose intrusions detrimental to the high standards of residential quality so long associated with Druid Hills; DHCA worked with residents of Candler Park to ensure appropriate development of a development on Clifton Terrace.
- E. To maintain liaison with governing bodies so as to influence decision making and remain alert to actions that are of concern to the community; DHCA has participated in the Ponce/Moreland Corridor Study, The NPU-N vote on the Piedmont Park expansion, encouraged the Board of Commissioners to fill vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission, participated in the Infill Development Task Force, CCTMA study, and the Emory University noise issue.
- F. To exercise vigilance in zoning matters, so that the rights and interests of the majority of the residents are protected; DHCA opposed the zoning variance application for the parking garage proposed by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.
- G. To inform and educate the citizens of cogent community problems; DHCA publishes the Druid Hills news quarterly, issues Community Connection flyers as needed, and is developing a new e-mail distribution system, and
- H. To promote the general welfare of the community, to preserve and enhance the historical heritage of Druid Hills and to maintain its unique residential character for future generations, DHCA has studied the possibility of R-20,000 and R-30,000 zoning, worked with Georgia Power on trimming trees along power line easements, worked with the Historic Preservation Commission. The issue that has taken up most of this year's energy is the development of the Nunan property. This property is currently slated to be developed as a five lot development with three "flag" lots. DHCA also participated in fund raising for a sculpture to honor Congressman John Lewis, and contributed to a scholarship fund in honor of Bill Kennedy. Two standing committees has been added this year: the Community and Lifestyle Committee and the External Relations and Advocacy Committee.

Recognition of the Contributions of Judy Yates - Bruce MacGregor: Bruce MacGregor recognized of former Commissioner, Judy Yates for her long record of civic service and contributions to the neighborhood.

2005 Tour of Homes Sneak Preview - Jo Ann Herold: Jo Ann presented the 8 homes to be on the tour this year. The tour will take place April 15, 16, and 17 this year. Tickets will be \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Parks on Ponce Project - Billy and Carolyn Hall: Billy and Carolyn reported that two fund raisers will be undertaken. The first, a gala silent auction will take place this month. The second, a garage sale will be held in

conjunction with the Tour of Homes. They also outlined the pledge campaign wherein they are seeking three-year pledges of support from the community.

Elections and By Laws: Tricia Elam presented the candidates for officers of the Civic Association. The slate as proposed was unanimously elected. Congratulations to Jeff Rader, President; Bruce MacGregor, 1st Vice President; Tricia Elam, Administrative Vice President; Pam Terry, Communications Vice President; Walter Saunders, Secretary; and Rolf Grun, Treasurer.

Tricia introduced the slate of Directors for the Class of 2007. They were elected unanimously. Congratulations to Tara Adyanthaya, Charlie Bleau, Natalie DiSantis, Becky Evans, Dennis Leftwich, Paul Shanor, Alida Sliverman, and David Winston.

A slate of replacement Directors for the Classes of 2005 and 2006 was also elected unanimously. Congratulations to the Class of 2005, Allan Ballard, Carolyn Riordan, and Joanna Stroud and to the Class of 2006, Ellen Nemhauser and Jack Prestia.

Tricia reviewed proposed changes to the By-Laws, many of these are just housekeeping matters. The changes include:

Article III, Section 2, Letters A and C which provides for the updated membership categories;
Article III, Section 4 allowing for the Executive Committee to go into Executive Session for matters of litigation and personnel

Article III, Section 4, eliminating reference to the now defunct Decatur/DeKalb News Era newspaper;

Article V, Section 2, Letter C, Part b, adding reference to the Community and Lifestyle Committee;

Article V, Section 2, Letter D, Part a and Part b, adding reference to the External Relations and Advocacy Committee and deleting reference to the weekly "Druid Hills Letter" in the Decatur/DeKalb News Era;

Article IX, Section 1, Letter B, Sub-Letter a, deleting reference to the weekly "Druid Hills Letter" in the now defunct Decatur/DeKalb News Era; Article VI, Section 2, creating the two new standing committees by adding Letter I for the Community and Lifestyle Committee and adding Letter J for the External Relations and Advocacy Committee;

Article VI, Section 2, Letter H, changing the name of "Traffic and Urban Design Implementation ("TUDIC")" to "Transportation Committee;" Article V, Section 2, Letter A to empower the President to appoint a Nominating Committee;

Article VI, Section 2, Letter C to clarify the term and responsibilities of the Nominating Committee

Article VIII, correcting the omission of the NPU voting requirement.

Article IX, Section 2, Letter A to change the terms of office for the Secretary position, allowing this officer to serve more than two terms.

It was moved that the changes be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

AIEV Update - Stuart Meddin: Stuart reported that the concept design for Emory Village had been approved by the DOT. Construction drawings have been begun and they hope to start construction in about a year.

The Meeting was adjourned.