

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
January 19, 2005**

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors:

Visitors included Tom Walsh and Chris Buchanan of Piedmont Park Conservancy, Doug Abramson of the Friends of Piedmont Park, Davis Fox of AIEV and residents: Beryl and Mark Ferris, Lynn Kerpel, Bill Mitchell, Martha Hall, Sue Apolynsky, Jan and Bill Kersey, Carolyn Riordan, Jim Wynn and Jim Anderson.

Piedmont Park Proposed Expansion Plans: Tom Walsh of the Piedmont Park Conservancy presented the plan for expansion of the facilities of Piedmont Park including the proposed parking deck adjacent to the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The park currently encompasses 186 acres, 132 without the Botanical Garden. The proposed garage would be partially buried. The garage is necessary because of limited public transportation. The garage would be accessed from the current entrance to the Botanical Garden on Piedmont and an new entrance off of Monroe Drive. Tom reports that Park Pride and many other organizations support the proposed garage.

Doug Abramson of Friends of Piedmont Park ("FOP") was given time to express opposing views. He reports that over 20 organizations support the Friends of Piedmont Park in its opposition to the parking garage. FOP would like to see a more thorough study done of all the alternatives performed. Doug reports that the garage will hold 800 cars on 6 levels. The access roads will divide the park and bring traffic into the park. FOP supports parking but would like to see it on the edges of the park and not in the middle.

The presenters for both organizations departed and the Board discussed the matter. A split vote was taken. The Board members from DeKalb County voted 11 for and 11 against a motion in favor of the expansion plans including the garage. Board Members from Division 1 voted 3 for and 3 against a motion in favor of the expansion plans including the garage. The Division 1 members voted 3 for and 3 against a motion in favor of the expansion plans without the garage. A report of this split vote will be sent to NPU-N.

Ponce Intersection at Briarcliff/Moreland - Alida Silverman: Alida Silverman reported that the DOT is considering a plan wherein the intersection of Briarcliff and Moreland would be widened to allow a 10 ft. left turn lane for the southbound traffic on Briarcliff. This 10 ft. would come from the right-of-way on the Druid Hills side (The Druid Hills Methodist Church property) This proposal also includes an additional turn lane on westbound Ponce De Leon. This area would come from Springdale Park. The final proposal will be presented January 30th at City Hall East. Alida believes that the DHCA needs to make it clear that this proposal is not compatible with the historic district. The City of Atlanta is taking public comments until January 21st. Alida moved that the DHCA send a clear statement of the necessity of improving the Ponce Intersection at Briarcliff/Moreland while taking into account Olmstead's design. The motion carried. Jeff Rader will draft the letter.

"Match" Task Force - Lynn Kerpel: Lynn reported that the task force has reviewed the map of Druid Hills and marked all lots which would qualify for R-20,000 and R-30,000 zoning. They have met with the Zoning Department. The representative did not think zoning in this manner would work because it would create too many districts. He suggested creating an overlay district. The Task Force is looking into this. An overlay district could be used to protect the historic plat. Lynn believes some professional help will be required. It was moved that the Task Force be authorized to find professional help to support its efforts. Motion carried.

2005 Officer and Board Nominations: Tricia Elam reported that rounding up potential candidates for the officer and board positions is going well.

Proposed By Law Changes - Rolf Grun and Tricia Elam: Rolf and Tricia have reviewed the By-Laws and proposed a series of changes, many of these are just housekeeping matters. These include changes to Article III, Section 2, Letters A and C which provides for the updated membership categories; 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 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;" and Article VIII, correcting the omission of the NPU voting requirement. Jeff Rader moved to bring all of these "housekeeping" changes to the General Membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The motion carried.

Rolf brought up changes to Article III, Section 4 allowing for the Executive Committee to go into Executive Session for matters of litigation and personnel. Chuck Palmer suggested this would bring the provision into compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act. Rolf moved to bring this change to the General Membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The motion carried.

Rolf then brought up making changes to Article VI, Section 2, Letter C. This would clarify the terms and responsibility of the Nominating Committee. Pam Terry moved to bring this change to the General Membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The motion carried.

Tricia brought up a proposed change to Article IX, Section 2, Letter A. This change would allow the Secretary to stay in that position for more than two terms. Julie Ralston moved to bring this change to the General Membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting. The motion carried.

It was decided to table discussion of two further changes to the By Laws. These were changes to Article VI, Section 1, Letters A and B; Article IX, Section 1, Letter B, Sub-letter e having to do with the composition of the Executive Committee; and Article IX, Section 2 which would define the terms of office for Committee Chairs.

Private Street Ordinance - Bruce MacGregor: There is a proposal in front of the Board of Commissioners that would allow for private streets or gated communities (a copy of the proposed ordinance is attached). Alida Silverman moved to send a letter to the Commissioners expressing DHCA's opposition to this ordinance. The motion carried.

Tour of Homes - Krista Brewer: Krista reported that the profits from the 2004 tour exceeded the profits for the last two years. There is a great lineup of homes this year.

Annual Meeting Update - Tricia Elam: Tricia reported that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 13th and that everything is on schedule.

Announcements:

- 1 CDC Meeting - There was a meeting with residents of Boston who are concerned about a mini CDC going up in Boston and its effect on the neighborhood.
- 2 OLPA - Update on Druid Hills Representation - OLPA will continue to chose the DHCA representative to its Board.
- 3 Noise Ordinance Meeting with Emory - There was a meeting with all interested parties. The students believe that the noise generated will be no greater than 50 decibels. The current ordinance allows noise up to 60 decibels. There is going to be an event in March and the noise level will be monitored.
- 4 Emory Liaison Committee - Betty Willis has asked that this committee be revived.
- 5 Nunan Property Update - Rolf reported that Helen Rice has asked DHCA to a neighborhood meeting Jan. 6th to update the neighbors. Bobby Buckler reports that there is a petition from 24 neighbors supporting the development with Flag lots. His lawyer has sent a letter to Susan Garrett withdrawing the fan lot proposal. Cynthia Tauxe moved to empower the Executive Committee to hire a lawyer for a second opinion, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, on the Civic Association's chances at litigation. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned.