

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

Call To Order, Recognition of Guests: H. Lamar Willis, incumbent candidate for Atlanta City Council, at large position; Davis Fox - AIEV; and, Anne Fauver, incumbent candidate for Atlanta City Council, District 6.

Davis Fox - AIEV; reported that AIEV is now ready to concentrate on fundraising. They are making progress on the zoning ordinance. Construction is still scheduled to begin in the late spring of 2006.

Anne Fauver - reported that the City will be bringing out a new budget which will provide money to address some of the service issues, trash pickup etc.

Reports from Officers:

Communications Vice President's Report

Web Site Update - Pam Terry and Jeff Walker, the website designer, reported that the website is up and running. They proceeded to give a quick demonstration. The association is planning on using PayPal to collect money for tour tickets and membership renewals. They now need updated soft ware.

A motion was made and seconded to use some of the website design budget to finish the maintenance and acquire the needed software. The motion carried.

Druid Hills News - Ellen Nemhauser is trying to report on what the community has done to help the victims of Katrina. Ellen also reported that advertising rates for the DHN should be increased 15% to make money in the first year, breaking even in the second and the eventually losing money, requiring another rate increase in the future.

A motion was made and seconded to raise advertising rates by 15%. Motion carried.

(A change in the agenda was made)

President's Report

Nominating Committee - Julie Ralston, chairman of the committee reported that David Adelman, Tom Gryboski and Judi Shur had agreed to serve on the committee. Please forward any names of nominees to Julie.

Secretary's Report - The approval of the minutes for the August and Septembers were approved.

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Tour of Homes Report - Tricia Elam reported that there is another committee meeting next week. Also a florist has agreed to provide an arrangement for each house. They are also looking for a new Co-Chair for revenue, Leah Ng is not able to perform this job as previously announced. There are currently three houses confirmed. More to come.

Joanna Stroud announced that there will be a juried artist market this year in connection with the Tour. They are looking to feature 25 to 30 artists.

Membership Report - Dee Daly reported that the membership committee met this week to develop new ideas for membership.

Community and Lifestyle Committee -

Druid Hills Day - Druid Hills Day will be held on November 6th in Deep Dene Park from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Judi Shur reports that there will be lots of activities. They are already over budget due to insurance costs, permit costs and dumpsters, etc. They will sell tickets to help defray some of the costs.

Landscaping and Maintenance of the Lullwater Roundabout - Joanna Stroud reported that the landscaping plan has been submitted to the County. She also reported that our commissioners do not want the size of the landscaped circle to be decrease. We are now waiting for a response from the County.

Treasurer's Report -

Rolf Grun was absent due to a previous engagement.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

Paideia COA Appeal - Jeff Rader reported that DHCA and Paideia have been negotiation on the language for a settlement. Meanwhile, Paideia has filed a motion for dismissal and abusive litigation. There is preliminary hearing scheduled for November 7th. There are three points to our settlement:

1) Building a consensus for an amendment to the Landmark ordinance stating that the UDC has authority over aggregation of land lots;

2) Want Paideia's support for strengthening the ordinance against lot subdivision;
and,

3) Support from Paideia for letting the UDC state that they has authority to state that their ruling was consistent with the landmark ordinance.

Nunan Property - Bruce McGregor reported that that has been no further action on the Nunan Property.

Issues going to NPU-N (see attached)

In connection with the Cell tower in Candler Park (the issue was resolved prior to this board meeting); Alida Silverman asked for a resolution on Parks to state: “Resolved, that parks are places for the recreation of citizens of all ages - whether active or passive recreation - and should be respected and cared for; parks are not vacant spaces or dumping grounds or convenient sites for commercial exploitation.” A motion was made and seconded approving the resolution. Motion carried.

With regard to the Beltline and the proposed Tax Allocation District (“TAD“), Alida would like DHCA to support creation of a historic preservation section in the TAD ordinance to encourage the protection of historic resources. The motion was made and seconded to support creation of the same. Motion carried.

Transportation Committee: - The Transportation Committee is reviewing the County’s comprehensive transportation plan and the CCTMA’s recommendations.

Report on Division Chair Training - Bruce reported that a brief training meeting was held prior to the August board meeting. The meeting was good but as usual, some division chairs showed up and some didn’t.

President’s Report

Recommendations of the Strategic Redevelopment Committee (Second Reading) - Jeff Rader asks the Board to study this report as it will come up for a vote and next month’s meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned.