

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
November 16, 2005**

Call To Order, Recognition of Guests: President, Jeff Rader called the meeting to order.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary's Report - The minutes for the October meeting were approved.

Communications Vice President's Report

Web Site Update - Pam Terry reported that the Tour website has been updated to look like the DHCA website. PayPal is up and running to collect money for tour tickets and membership renewals. Barbara Morey and Pam will now be able to update the site.

Druid Hills News - Mary Angela Whyte reported that the DHN is being printed and will be going to the bulk mailer soon.

President's Report

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Community and Lifestyle Committee - Druid Hills Day - Druid Hills Day was a huge success. Thanks to Judi Shur and her committee. The event came in pretty close to budget.

Membership Report - Dee Daly reported that the membership committee will be meeting again shortly. They are working on defining the membership levels.

Annual Meeting - Tricia Elam reported that any By Law changes will need to be proposed within the next month (December Board Meeting). This will allow any changes to be announced in the packet going to the general membership.

Landscaping and Maintenance of the Lullwater Roundabout - Joanna Stroud reported that the little man sculpture is back. She has been communicating with John Gerble of the County and has learned that the landscaping plan has been approved. Planting is set for November 29th. Joanna would love some help. There are concerns about getting the money to pay for the landscaping from the County. A motion was made to obtain a contract with the County agreeing to reimburse DHCA for the landscaping costs. Motion carried.

Tour of Homes Report - Krista Brewer reported that four houses are confirmed for the tour. The committee is working on six houses.

Joanna Stroud announced that she is currently considering two possible locations for the Artist Market. There will be room for up to 40 artists.

Treasurer's Report -

Rolf Grun presented the budget by quarters. A motion was made to transfer \$5,500 from the Land Use and Zoning budget to the Historic Preservation budget to cover the costs for the Paideia COA appeal effort. The Motion carried.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

Paideia COA Appeal - Jeff Rader reported that the DHCA Board had previously authorized the expenditure to appeal the Paideia COA. It also authorized the Executive Committee to try to reach a settlement that was mutually agreeable to both parties, realizing that there were some legal hurdles to overcome. After much negotiating the Executive Committee withdrew the appeal prior to going to trial. The appeal was withdrawn because of the issue of standing and whether the DHCA could show that it has been harmed in any way. It was decided that it was better to withdraw than to suffer an adverse ruling by the court. The breaking point in the negotiations came when Paideia wanted the landmark ordinance to be revised to be more supportive of institutional use. The DHCA's mission in its By Laws is to promote and protect the residential character of the neighborhood.

Alida Silverman made a motion to get authorization to retain two consultants to consult on strengthen the Landmark Ordinance, estimating that it will take \$1,000 this year and \$4,000 next year. Motion carried.

Nunan Property - Bruce McGregor reported that that has been no further action on the Nunan Property but that in the lawsuits, the County is waiting for the DHCA to intervene.

Infill Development Taskforce. - The taskforce produced a report and recommendations which have been given to the County. A Motion was made for the DHCA to urge the Board of Commissioners to amend the Zoning Ordinance to address the recommendations from the Task Force. The motion carried.

Emory Master Plan - The Land Use and Zoning Committee will be forming a task force to study the Emory Master Plan.

Transportation Committee: - Following the recent CCTMA study presentation, 10 neighborhood organizations agreed to a set of principles relating to the CCTMA study. A motion was made to endorse this agreement. The motion carried. The Transportation Committee is reviewing the County's comprehensive transportation plan and the CCTMA's recommendations.

President's Report

Nominating Committee - Jeff Rader reported that the Nominating Committee is making some progress.

Recommendations of the Strategic Redevelopment Committee - Jeff Rader asked the Board to vote to approve the recommendations of this committee. As it was late, a motion was made to table this discussion until next month. The motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned.