

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

Welcome and Self Introductions:

Visitors included Randy Pairs, Ansley Park resident; D. L. Joury, resident; Alex Pavich, CEO of Golden Key, Shea Roberts, Attorney; Donna Armstrong, ReMax Cityside; and Heather Prichard, ReMax Cityside.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary's Report - The minutes for the January meeting were approved with one change: With regard to the Ponce Intersection at Briarcliff/Moreland, the City of Atlanta was taking public comments on the intersection plan, not the DOT.

Communications Vice President's Report -

Druid Hills News - Ellen Nemhauser and Van Hall provided research on the costs of mailing the Druid Hills News as Bulk Mail instead of having to depend on volunteer deliveries. It is estimated that it will cost an \$3,800 to print and mail the DHN. This will standardize the delivery dates for the DHN. If we want to send it out by carrier route we would need to send 5,000 pieces. Ellen and Van's recommendation is that we send the news by carrier route.

Web Site Update - Pam Terry as convened a committee which will meet next week to form a plan for revamping the website.

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Membership Report - Tricia reports that membership renewals are going out and coming in. Things are going well.

Tour of Homes Report - There are still many chances for volunteering for the tour. It is also still possible to become a Friend of the Tour.

Proposal for Administrative Support Arrangements - The Executive Committee has approved a plan and the budget to hire a part-time (8 hours per week) person to perform many of the duties previously undertaken by the Executive Director. For the past few months, Tricia Elam has taken on this task. She has approached a person about the position who seems interested.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Financial Position and Budget Proposal - Rolf presented the proposed budget for 2005. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

1189 Ponce de Leon (Golden Key Property) Donna Armstrong to owner of ReMax Cityside has made an offer to purchase the property for use as a real estate office. Ms. Armstrong will require a special use permit for such an office. Ms. Armstrong made here case for such a permit. She believes that it is unlikely that this property could be converted to residential housing, either single or multi family. Alex Pavich, the CEO of Golden Key also spoke in support of ReMax Cityside. After questions from teh Board answered by proposal proponents, and some discussion on procedure for debating the DHCA position on the proposal, the matter was tabled until the next meeting. In the interim, members of teh board will develop a proposal for formal procedures in the consideration of such proposals.

Nunan Property - Bruce MacGregor reported that there has been a third COA filed by the developers of this property. This would be for a Cul-de-sac plan The DHCA has, in the past, opposed any plan which included a cul-de-sac as inconsistent with historic preservation guidelines. Bruce would like the Board to approve the continuation of our opposition to this plan and to give the authority to the Executive Committee to in act in this direction (No action was taken).

In-Fill Task Force - Bruce requested \$1,000 to perform law research on the Doctrine of Merger to present to the In-fill Task Force. A motion was made to perform the research and to determine whether the writing up of such research would violate the Association's Attorney/Client privilege. Motion carried

Atlanta Zoning Text Amendment - Continuing Care Retirement Community - This text amendment would further divide the assisted living facility land use into a sub-category of continuing care retirement community. Deb Stone moved to endorse the amendment. Division 1 board members (Atlanta City residents) voted in favor of the motion.

Atlanta Sign Ordinance Amendment - Building Signature Signs - This text amendment would further stipulate that in determining the height of a building, parking structures are not to be used in this calculation. Deb Stone moved to endorse the amendment. Division 1 board members (Atlanta City residents) voted in favor of the motion.

Historic Preservation - Excelsior Mill - This structure, currently the Masquerade, is in danger of being demolished to make way for a condominium project Rolf Grun moved to authorize the Preservation Committee to use part of the annual budget as a contribution to the Atlanta Preservation Center to go toward making a study of the building's history and viability for preservation. Motion carried.

President's Report

Nominating Committee Activity - Bill Mosely of the Nominating Committee placed the following slate of candidates for election to the Executive Committee: Judy Yates, Julie Ralston, Deb Stone, Judy Shure, and Paul Shanor. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. Candidates were elected.

Re-establishment of Special Committees - Per the By Laws, all special committees and task forces must be re-established each year following the general meeting. It was moved and seconded to re-establish all special committees and task forces Motion carried.

Proposal for a Special Task Force to address strategic redevelopment issues - Jeff Rader introduced a proposal to create a special task force to address the building pressure for redevelopment in and around Druid Hills. A motion was made and seconded for creation of the same. The motion carried.

AIEV - Davis Fox reports that the design documents are 50% complete. The first cost estimate is 3.8 million (2.5 million is budgeted). The design calls for the planting of 90 new trees, new ground covers and shrubs, 27 benches and 17 street lights.

The Meeting was adjourned.