

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
April 20, 2005**

Welcome and Self Introductions:

Visitors included Donna Armstrong, ReMax Cityside and Steve Rothman representing Ms. Armstrong.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary's Report - The minutes for the March meeting were approved with one change: With regard to the preservation of Excelsior Mill, Rolf Grun moved to authorize the Preservation Committee to use part of its annual budget as a contribution to the Atlanta Preservation Center to go toward preparing a nomination for the building.

Report from the Special Task Force to address strategic redevelopment issues - Steve Misner reported that he, Clarke Weeks, Chuck Palmer and Debbie McDonald are looking at areas of Druid Hills that could become ripe for redevelopment, not necessarily to prevent such development but to anticipate and encourage appropriate development. They are looking at the border areas and corridors through Druid Hills. They will continue to meet over the next few weeks.

AIEV Report - Davis Fox reports that there will be another community meeting on April 28th at 7:00 p.m. He would like DHCA to send out an email announcement. Current design issues with the Village include park paving, streetlights, benches and plantings. They are also looking at whether there the left turn from southbound North Decatur Road onto Clifton should be reestablished. He would like DHCA to run that portion of the meeting.

Communications Vice President's Report -

Druid Hills News - Ellen Nemhauser reported that May 13th is the deadline for the next issue.

Web Site Update - Jeff Rader reported that Pam Terry as convened a committee which met with a vendor and will look over that vendor's proposal with the committee.

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Tour of Homes Report - Tricia Elam reported that the tour was incredible. She gave some preliminary numbers. Approximately 2,100 people attended the tour. In 2004, \$12,000 dollars in tickets were sold onsite. This year that number was \$19,000. Last year 200 tickets were sold, this year 557. In the next few weeks we will received the numbers for funds from ticket vendors.

NPU N Bylaws Endorsement - NPU N is requesting that Division 1 Board

members endorse functional changes to its Bylaws. It was moved to endorse the revisions to the Bylaws. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Financial Position - Rolf reports that we are good financial shape. 33 percent of the Tour ticket outlets are in and we have already reached \$3,500 of our budget amount.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

1189 Ponce de Leon (Golden Key Property) Donna Armstrong the owner of ReMax Cityside received a copy of the draft report, prepared by the Historic Preservation Committee of the Landmark District, on Ms. Armstrong's application for a Special Use permit to use the property as a real estate office at the March meeting. Ms. Armstrong was given five minutes to rebut the draft report and then was excused so that the Board could discuss the issue. Steve Rothman represented Ms. Armstrong and stated his client's view on each point.

Alida Silverman explained the requirements for an application to a Special Use permit and enumerated the deficiencies in Ms. Armstrong's application, a copy of the committee's draft report is attached.

A motion was made by Division 1 Board members to oppose the application for a special use permit. The motion was seconded. A vote among Division 1 Board members had 5 votes for the motion and 2 against and 1 abstention. Motion carried. A vote among the board members, not in Division 1, had 19 votes for the motion and 17 against and 1 abstention.

Nunan Property - Bruce MacGregor reported that the developer had withdrawn his COA application for a Cul-de-sac plan for this property. He has resubmitted his variance request for the flag-lot plan. This application will come before the Zoning Board on May 11th. The DHCA is on the record as opposing variances.

Transportation Committee:

Clifton Corridor Transportation Study - Jay McMullan reported that there will be another meeting on May 5th. The Transportation Committee will meet prior to that meeting.

Board Member Training: We are looking for people to plan and execute training for new Board Members. Natalie DiSantis and David Winston had expressed an interest in working on the planning committee.

Division Chair Meeting: Bruce McGregor and Allan Ballard will look into convening a meeting of the Division Chairs.

President's Report

Procedure for managing Board consideration of discretionary approvals requested in Druid Hills: Jeff Rader presented a draft proposal for Board consideration of discretionary approvals in Druid Hills. After a discussion of this proposal, it was moved and seconded to approve this proposal. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Appointments: Jeff Rader announced that the following individuals has agreed to chair the following committees:

Charlie Bleau - Land Use/Zoning

Judi Shure - Community and Lifestyle

Steve Misner - Special Task Force to address strategic redevelopment issues

We are still looking for someone to chair the External Relations and Advocacy Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned.