

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
May 18, 2005**

Welcome and Self Introductions:

Visitors included Atlanta City Councilwoman, Anne Fauver.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary's Report - The minutes for the April meeting were approved without change.

Communications Vice President's Report -

Web Site Update - Pam Terry reported that Website designer, Jeff Walker will be designing the new website. Look for a proposal in your e-mail. Please review it and be prepared to discuss it at the June Board Meeting. We hope to have the new website up and running by September. The committee is looking at three names of graphic designers to further develop the look of the website and to create a graphic identity for the DHCA.

Druid Hills News - Mary Angela reported that there is still time for anyone who has not turned in materials for the Summer Issue of the DHN to do so.

Atlanta Beltline - Councilwoman Anne Fauver reported that the developer who purchased the land for the beltline has teamed up with Trammel Crow to develop two high-rise condominium towers on Piedmont Park near the intersection of Monroe and 10th Street. There will be presentations by interested groups in June.

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Tour of Homes Report - Tricia Elam reported that we are still waiting for ticket sales from Chapter 11 and Pikes The tour committee had a great wrap-up meeting and has come up with several great ideas for next year.

Admin Position - Tricia Elam reported that Barbara Mori has signed a contract for the administrative position. Here duties and hours are carefully spelled out in this contract. Please do not ask her directly to perform any additional tasks. If you have something that you think she might be able to do, please contact the executive board.

Board Member Training - Tricia Elam reports that new Board members should expect an e-mail about scheduling Board member training.

Community and Lifestyle Committee - Judi Shur reports that her committee has had its first meeting. They are focusing on three events to start:

1. Fourth of July Parade

2. Fall Picnic with a new name- Druid Hills Day. The picnic will be moved to Deep Deene.

3. Kits for Block Parties - Block parties will have a theme: Neighborhood Reconnection.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

1189 Ponce de Leon (Golden Key Property) Jeff Rader reported that the Urban Design Commission approved the Special Use Permit for ReMax Cityside to open an office in the Golden Key property. Several conditions were attached. The DHCA is still hoping for further conditions. Next their application will go before the Zoning Committee of the City Council. Anne Fauver is on the committee. Jeff Rader will meet with her prior to the meeting. The DHCA's biggest concern is with the creeping of commercial concerns into this residential corridor.

Approval of Fees for ZRB Counsel - Jeff Rader presented this report for Alida Silverman. Alida's committee was advised to seek legal counsel to assist in their efforts to oppose the Special Use Permit application in front of the Urban Design Commission. They sought representation from several sources and were finally able to engage David Cooper at the last minute. They were not able to get an estimate of fees however. After the Urban Design Commission hearing, Mr. Cooper presented his bill in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 range. It was moved and seconded to approve the payment of legal fees not to exceed \$5,000. It was also suggested that someone contact Mr. Cooper to see about negotiating a lower rate. Tom Grybowski agreed to call. Meanwhile, we are looking into a legal talent committee. The motion carried.

Nunan Property - Bruce McGregor reported that the Developer resubmitted his variance request for the approved 5 Flag lot plan to the Zoning Review Board. This application was heard on May 11th and was denied. The Developer will probably take the matter to court and submit a COA application for a cul-de-sac plan.

DeKalb Lot Subdivision Strategy - Charlie Bleau will be taking on this committee to develop strategies to protect our neighborhood's plat pattern.

Transportation Committee: - Jay McMullen reports that his committee has a good meeting. They have been contacted by Ann Lee of the Fernbank Museum. She reports that there are at least two automobile accidents a week at the intersection of Clifton and Ponce. She is going to contact the City and County to get statistics on accidents at the intersection.

The committee is also studying the creation of a left turn lane from southbound North Decatur onto eastbound Clifton Road. The committee recommends creation of a protected left turn with traffic signal.

Clifton Corridor Transportation Study - A new set of recommendations has been received. CCTMA is requesting comments. The committee will generate a response using the DHCA's policies as a guide.

Ponce/Moreland Corridor Study - The City of Atlanta has agreed to put a lagging left turn from Briarcliff onto Ponce. The Engineering should be complete by 2006 and Installation by 2007.

DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan - The DHCA needs to look ahead to have a plan to contribute to this.

Other issues: Lullwater Roundabout: Jay has received a forwarded email complaining about the roundabout. Tricia Elam reports that trucks are no longer allowed to turn left from North Decatur onto Lullwater.

Division Chair Meeting: Bruce McGregor will ask Barbara to facilitate a meeting of Division Chairs.

President's Report

Proposed Clifton Corridor Neighborhood Summit - It has been suggested that we start talking to the other Clifton Corridor neighborhoods to set up a dialogue to discuss common issues.

The Meeting was adjourned.