

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
August 17, 2005**

Guests in Attendance: Steve Brody, candidate for Atlanta City Council, district 6.

Reports from Officers:

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

Communications Vice President's Report

Web Site Update - Pam Terry presented a flow chart for the new website. The goal is to have the new pages up and running by September 1st. The homepage will have hot topics prominently displayed. We will also be using Paypal for tour of homes ticket sales this year. It has been determined that we will keep the DHCA Tree Logo as part of the look.

Land Use/Planning Zoning - Appeal of Paideia COA to Superior Court- Susan Garret, attorney for the DHCA reported that the DHCA had filed an appeal in Superior Court against the COA issued by the Urban Design Commission ("UDC"). The Appeal names the City of Atlanta, UDC and Paideia School. Susan explained the Paideia was just named so that they would receive all filings and be kept in that loop. The issue is a difference of interpretation of the language in the enabling legislation which provides for the Landmark district. In granting Paideia's COA, to legal land lots were allowed to merge setting a dangerous precedent which could undermine the neighborhood and the historic lot layout. This would endanger the relationship of lots to streets, streets to each other, buildings to lots and lots to each other. The UDC and the City of Atlanta interpret the legislation to not prohibit the merger of lots while the DHCA contends that the legislation prohibits the same. We want to make it very clear that this is not a lawsuit against Paideia School.

Rolf Grun reported that there are sufficient funds in the budget to fund this action.

Stuart Meddin was present to represent Paideia and presented the design of the gymnasium extension and new Middle School Building. He stated that Paideia wants to work with the DHCA to come to a mutually agreeable resolution.

Discussion began but a motion was made to go into executive session. The motion carried and the representatives from Paideia were excused.

Items that came up during the discussion were: It is important to make it clear that the issue is the different interpretation of the City ordinance. If we don't appeal the decision, we automatically endorse it and a precedent is set for future properties.

Several members were concerned about the negative public relations aspects of filing suit against Paideia.

A motion was made to authorize the Executive Committee to spend up to \$6,500 to file the appeal against the City of Atlanta, UDC and Paideia.

Motion carried.

A motion was made to come out of executive session.

Motion carried

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Tour of Homes Report - An organizational meeting will be held next week. .

Board Member Training - Board member training will take place before the August Board Meeting to be held at the Emory North Building.

Community and Lifestyle Committee -

Druid Hills Day - Druid Hills Day will be held on November 6th in Deep Dene Park. The Executive Committee has discussed increasing the budget from \$500 to \$1,500.00.

Maintenance of Traffic Islands - Judy reported that in a meeting with the County it was announced that the County had money left over from the construction and will make that available for landscaping. The County is going to have to shrink the diameter of the landscaped circle due to the trucks running up into the grassy area. Thomas Winn, a local realtor, has agreed to fund the maintenance of the landscaping.

Treasurer's Report -

Budget Amendment to increase funding for Druid Hills Day from \$500 to \$1,500. Rolf Grun asked for a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the administrative budget to the budget for Druid Hills Day. It was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

Nunan Property - Bruce McGregor reported that the Historic Commission denied the COA application. An appeal is expected.

DeKalb Environmental Ordinance - Bruce reported that the Board of Commissioners has postponed the consideration of this ordinance for a month.

Private Streets Ordinance - Bruce reported that the DHCA is still opposing the private streets ordinance.

Transportation Committee: - Bruce reported that the CCTMA has passed their recommendations on to the County. Jay McMullen and Rolf Grun are reviewing the recommendations.

President's Report

Nominating Committee - Jeff Rader let us know that Julie Ralston has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee.

Board Member Resignation - Bill Moseley has resigned due to his move to the Museum Towers downtown.

Special Task Force to address strategic redevelopment issues - The taskforce has finished their report and it will be reviewed by the Land Use/Zoning Committee and the Historic Preservation committee. This report looks at land use over the next 15 years and takes into consideration the following areas:

- Conservation Easements
- The Ponce Corridor
- Redevelopment of Garden Apartments
- Emory Development
 - Haygood Triangle
 - Briarcliff Campus

The Meeting was adjourned.