

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Druid Hills Civic Association
September 21, 2005**

Call To Order, Recognition of Guests: Steve Brody, candidate for Atlanta City Council, district 6.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary's Report - The approval of the minutes for the August meeting were deferred until the September meeting to allow board members time to review same.

Communications Vice President's Report

Web Site Update - Pam Terry reported that the committee is finalizing the design of the look of the website. As soon as this has been finalized the website will be up and running. We now need content. Please contribute in your area of expertise. Pam presented a flow chart for the new website. . 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.

Administrative Vice President's Report:

Membership Report - Barbara Morey is taking over the administrative tasks associated with membership renewals. The first set of "please come back" cards has been sent out and we are starting to get back the first renewals.

Tour of Homes Report - Tricia Elam reported that there is another committee meeting next week. This year there are three co-chairs: Leah Ng, Barbara Vogel and Krista Brewer. Krista already has two houses committed.

Community and Lifestyle Committee -

Druid Hills Day - Druid Hills Day will be held on November 6th in Deep Dene Park from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please tell everyone you know. We would like to have a big turnout.

Landscaping and Maintenance of the Lullwater Roundabout - Joanna Stroud reported that Thomas Winn, a local real estate agent has agreed to underwrite the maintenance. Joanna is volunteering to develop the landscaping plan. The County has money left in the budget to purchase the plants. The County is reducing the diameter of the circle and will be placing more stamped concrete to decrease the same. The County has also agreed to provide a water source. Joanna will provide the plan and budget to the County by Friday, September 23rd. We are hopping to have the planting done by late November.

Treasurer's Report -

Request for contribution to an endowment for "The Bridge" - Rolf Grun reported that the DHCA has received a request for a donation to the endowment fund for the maintenance of the "The Bridge," the John Lewis memorial placed in the Freedom Parkway. The DHCA previously matched \$1,000 in contributions from neighbors. Now the request is for \$2,000 per year for five years. They are looking for a total of \$50,000. The Arthur Blank Foundation has given \$15,000 so they still require \$35,000. There is no hurry to make a decision.

First Vice President's Report:

Land Use/Planning Zoning:

Paideia COA Appeal - There was a meeting with Paideia representatives this week. To recap: Paideia sought and received a COA that fails to meet the restrictions of the historic district as we interpret them. They want to extend an existing building

over an existing lot line, thereby eliminating the need for a side yard setback. The Urban Design Commission (“UDC”) made the aggregation of these two lots one of the ten conditions attached to the COA.

The DHCA’s priority is as follows:

- 1) Arrive at a consensus with Paideia that the Landmark District ordinance needs to be amended to regulate lot aggregation and close loopholes.
- 2) Arrive at a consensus with Paideia that the UDC’s decision to grant the COA should be clarified to address the lot aggregation issue
- 3) Agreement by Paideia to actively support these objectives.

We are waiting for a response from Paideia’s representatives.

Nunan Property - Bruce McGregor reported the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission denied a COA for the cul-de-sac plan. The developer is appealing this decision to the Board of Commissioners. Meanwhile the developer has put the property up for sale. An possible buyer is interested in the property if all litigation can be settled and he can build five houses. that the Historic Commission denied the COA application. An appeal is expected.

DeKalb Environmental Ordinance - Bruce reported Chapter 14 of the Environmental Code is being revised. This is a 40 page thick code. The Soil and Water Conservation Board has made comments.

Infill Development Ordinance - Bruce reported that this ordinance is coming up next week before the Board of Commissioners. It limit’s the height of infill and how it is measured. It also limits retaining wall positions and driveway width.

Fernbank Science Center Task Force - Bruce reported that a task force has been set up to determine how the Science Center will work with the School District in the future.

Transportation Committee: - Jay McMullen reported that the County has included the CCTMA recommendations in their Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The committee will meet this week. There is a neighborhood meeting on transportation next week followed by a presentation by the County.

Davis Fox reported that the only recommendations from the CCTMA call for widening intersections around the neighborhood. It is important for the County to hear neighborhood opinions. Jay McMullen asked for a resolution adopting the point-by-point comment of the CCTMA recommendations for forwarding to both meetings next week. So resolved.

President’s Report

Nominating Committee - Jeff Rader announced members of the nominating committee. Julie Ralston has agreed to chair, other members include David Adelman, Tom Grybowski, and Judi Shur.

Board Member Resignation - Deb Stone has resigned from the Board and Executive Committee due to her becoming the Chairman of NPU-N.

New Business: Alida Silverman reported that the Peachtree Heights neighborhood of Atlanta is proposing a historic district for their neighborhood. She asked for a letter of support for this nomination. So moved and approved.

The Meeting was adjourned.