

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Druid Hills Civic Association  
February 15, 2006**

**Call To Order, Recognition of Guests:** President, Jeff Rader called the meeting to order. There were two guests in attendance: Denise Garlowe from the Fernbank PTA and Martha Porter Hall, candidate for the 2006-2007 Board.

**Reports from Officers:**

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes for the November were approved without change.

**Communications Vice President's Report**

**Web Site Update** - Pam Terry reported that the Druid Hills News will be going on the website with this issue. The website is scheduled to be updated in March.

**Administrative Vice President's Report:**

**Community and Lifestyle Committee** - Tricia is reported for Judi Shur who is finishing her term on the Board. Judi's report listed the accomplishments of the year the ideas for the upcoming year. Chad and Lacy Henderson will be chairing the committee next year. These include having a Druid Hills Block Party Day, forming a neighborhood supper club, analysis of the neighborhood to form "mini neighborhoods" that can band together for block parties, etc. and creating a Druid Hills neighborhood directory.

**Landscaping and Maintenance of the Lullwater Roundabout** - Joanna Stroud reported that the County is willing to place a double streetlight in the center of the round a bout. The County is also going to add reflectors to the points of the triangles with flank the entrances to the round a bout. and Thomas Wynn are working with the County to get water and power installed. The design of the street light was shown to the Board. A motion was made and seconded to approve the street light as presented. Motion carried.

**Annual Meeting** - Tricia Elam reported that we are going to have the annual meeting on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at Fernbank museum.

She then reviewed the following By Law changes:

**Article III – Membership**

**Section 4: Privileges**

**Letter E**

Strike the reference "in accordance with the Open Meetings Act", as Executive Sessions will now be defined in the section on Meetings.

**Article V – Officers and Duties**

**Section 2: Duties**

**Letter A, d**

Change this to read "Annually appoint, with board approval, the standing committee chairpersons."

**Section 2: Duties**

**Letter B, a**

Change reference to Traffic Urban Design Implementation Committee (TUDIC) to Transportation Committee.

**Article VI – Committees**

**Section 2: Standing Committees**

**Letter E and F**

Combine the Land Use, Planning and Zoning Committee with the Historic/Landmark Preservation Committees and have City of Atlanta and DeKalb subcommittees reporting to the overall LUPZ/HP chair.

Land Use and Historic Preservation Committee – Responsible to the First Vice-President and in charge of developing the Association’s expertise and/or advisory resources to give strategic and technical support on county and city land use, zoning, development and related issue to the President, Board and Division Chairs and to recommend polices regarding same. This committee will also have two subcommittees in charge of review, comment, and/or recommendation on all applications within the Druid Hills Historic District (county) and Landmark District (city) related to the districts’ design guidelines and requirements and to give consultation to applicants on ways to achieve compliance with same. The Chairperson shall be selected from Board membership.

**Article VII – Meetings**

**Section 2: Board Meetings**

**Letter B**

Changed to read “A special meeting may be called for by the President when necessary or when requested in writing by five (5) members of the Board. This meeting can be held via electronic means if necessary.”

**Add Letter D**

“The Board may go into Executive Session by a majority vote of the board members present.”

**Article IX – Elections and Terms of Office**

**Section 2: Terms of Office**

**Add D**

Standing Committee Chairs – A chairperson is appointed annually and shall serve for no more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position, unless the Board approves the exception. There is not a limit to the number of years served on the same committee.

**Article X – Fiscal Year**

The Association shall operate on a fiscal year of March 1 to February 28 (29) corresponding with the transition to the new board at that time.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Rolf Grun presented a gap budget to cover the two month gap (January through February) between the current fiscal year (January through December) and the proposed fiscal year (March through February). He also presented a proposed budget for the new fiscal year. This budget proposed was a deficit budget with a \$9,006 shortfall. After some discussion, it was decided to change some amounts budgeted to zero to bring the budget into balance. These items were:

Line #24 – John Lewis Sculpture (Ongoing Maintenance) from \$500 to \$0

Line item # 132 – DeKalb and Atlanta Infill Development Ordinance from \$4000 to \$0.

Line Item #134 – DeKalb Lot Merger from \$4,000 to \$0.  
Line Item # 136 – Emory Village Issues from \$2,000 to \$0  
Line Item #138 – Other Initiatives from \$4,000 to \$0  
Line Item 180 – Transportation Committee Legal Services from \$10,000 to \$0

A motion was made and seconded to approve these changes to the proposed budget.  
Motion carried.

It was also moved and seconded to reduce Line Item #34 – Other Acquisitions, Contributions and Remembrances from \$5,000 to \$0 pending the success of the tour. Motion carried.

As part of the budget discussion, Denise Garlowe of the Fernbank PTA presented the idea of replacing the playground behind the school as a neighborhood playground. They are ready to begin fundraising and she would like to solicit donations from the community. No commitment was asked for at this time but her committee would like to be considered in the future. It was decided to wait to see how the tour did this year before making any commitment.

**First Vice President's Report:**

**Land Use/Planning Zoning:**

**Nunan Property** - Bruce McGregor reported that the appeal of the COA denial to the Board of Commissioners was denied. There are only a few pieces of the lawsuit that remain.

**Infill Ordinance** – Bruce reported that the Board of Commissioners passed the Infill Ordinance such as it is.

**Private Street Ordinance** – This ordinance, which the DHCA opposes, is still waiting action by the Board of Commissioners.

**Transportation Committee:** - The Transportation Committee is still watching the CCTMA and the County Comprehensive Plan.

**President's Report**

**Nominating Committee** - Julie Ralston and the Nominating Committee have a full slate of candidates for the election at the Annual Meeting.

**Recommendations of the Strategic Redevelopment Committee.** Jeff initiated a discussion of this report. Alida Silverman and the Landmark District Historic Preservation Committee prepared a memorandum opposing several points of the report (attached). Due to the late hour, it was decided to table any further discussion of this matter until a future meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned.