

MINUTES
Board of Director's Meeting
7:30PM Wednesday, October 18, 2006
St. John's Lutheran Church

Call to Order, Recognition of Guests - Bruce MacGregor, President, called the meeting to order. Guests in Attendance included: Don Walters – HPC committee; Jim Wynn, – Resident; Patricia Payne White – Peavine Watershed Alliance; – Resident; Lois Berthaume – Resident and AIEV Board; Sally Sears – Resident and AIEV Board; Mark Goldman – Resident and AIEV Board; Jerry Vogel – Resident; Ebony Barley – Ann Fauver's Office; and Thea Rosser – Resident.

Secretary's Report (approval of minutes) – Walter Saunders presented the minutes from the September 20th meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rolf Grun presented the Financial Reports for the quarter. The DHCA is approximately \$21,000 ahead of budget in income.

Communications Vice President's Report - Pam Terry reports that they are meeting with the parents' group to integrate the group into the DHCA website. Also we are trying to work out a kink in the PayPal system allowing people to join through the website.

Administrative Vice President's Report –

Membership Committee – Becky Evans reports that 100 welcome packets will be available for distribution to the Division Chairs at a meeting next week. Dee Daly reports that the membership application is being worked on. We want to have a membership table at Druid Hills Day.

Druid Hills Tour of Homes – Becky Evans reports that plans progressing nicely. We are looking for sponsors and patrons.

Community and Lifestyles:

Druid Hills Day – Chad Henderson reports that the event will be at Dellwood Park this year on Sunday, November 5th from 1 to 4. There will be a rock climbing wall, barbeque pit, a moonwalk, carnival games and prizes and a band. Becky suggested sending out a flyer to promote the event.

Public Safety – Greg Robisch was not in attendance.

First Vice President's Report –

Transportation – Kirk Larson reported that the Transportation Committee is still trying to get enough members to be active. Tom Cross has volunteered to be the acting co-chair. The committee is meeting and is moving forward slowly. The issue was brought up about the idea of repainting the crosswalks in the neighborhood and possibly adding the crosswalk signs, which stand up in the street. Kirk Larson is meeting with the county this week and will ask about this.

Mac Platt brought up the issue of possibly making the speed limit on North Decatur Road, and other streets in the neighborhood, 25mph.

Bruce MacGregor reported that CCTMA is conducting a connectivity study for the area looking at streetcars and other modes of transportation.

Alida Silverman proposed a resolution making 25 mph the maximum speed limit in the neighborhood followed up by enforcement. It was decided to kick this over to the Transportation Committee.

Bruce is looking for a board member to follow up on the CCTMA.

Land Use/Planning/Zoning – Alex Ottley was absent.

Emory Village update & Survey – Ed Henderson reports the zoning overlay for Emory Village is being put before the County in January. The subcommittee wants to send out a brief survey to the 4,000 households in the neighborhood. We hope to get those back rather quickly and then have a community meeting at the end of November either the 28th or 30th.

Lois Berthaume reported that new renderings of the Village have been commissioned. The AIEV Board has worked on several changes to the zoning overlay. They have worked hard to clarify the purpose and boundaries of the village. They have carved out a retail exception of 12,000 sf for a grocery store. They are making sure that any buildings across from Glenn Church will be no higher than the cornice line of Glenn and that there will be a 25' setback from the street. The building line on South Oxford has been moved back to allow for larger trees and the height of buildings on the edges where the village abuts R-75 has been lowered. Rob Benfield asked with the changes still being made to the overlay here near the end of October if AIEV would be amenable to push back the date of presentation to the BOC from January. Lois said that she would take that request back to the board.

Rob Benfield moved that the Emory Village Sub committee should have the funds to distribute the survey to the residents of Druid Hills; with the funds not to exceed \$3,000. Motion was seconded. Motion carried with 1 abstention and 1 nay vote.

Rob Benfield also moved that at the discretion of the Executive Committee an amount of money to provide graphics for the presentation on November 30th. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Peavine Watershed Alliance – Patricia Payne White reported that PWA was founded in 1997. It has a 14-seat board. Becky Bracewell is the DHCA representative. PWA has been asked to comment on the Emory Village proposal. They have questions for AIEV to answer as the process goes on.

1. Will there be an increase in storm water runoff as a result of this development?
2. Do the plans for Emory Village provide for the mitigation of storm water runoff in both volume and velocity?
3. Do the plans for Emory Village provide for the restoration of the stream banks?
4. What is the size (width) of the stream buffer as shown on the plans?
5. Are there efforts to put land along the stream banks into a “conservation easement?”

Green Space/Burbanck Property – Bruce MacGregor reported that the DHCA is working with Emory to develop a plan. Mills Toleme has agreed to be on this team. Becky Bracewell will be on the team. Emory is planning on having a meeting on October 26th.

Historic Preservation Update

DeKalb – Status of HPC Appointments - nothing new.

COA Summary –

Appeal of Durand Drive Demolition COA – Jim Wynn reported that the Neighborhood would like to appeal the COA for demolition on Durand drive. The neighbors are attempting to save the house and property. The house was built at the back of the property on the originally platted 3 lots. The house partially burned in 2004. The owner put a tarp over the house. Since then the tarp has deteriorated and the house has further deteriorated. The HPC approved the COA for demolition once the owner provides Historic American Building Study drawings. The neighborhood would like some financial assistance in the amount of a \$1,500 match with neighborhood funds and possibly legal assistance with the process.

A motion was made to provide funds up to the amount of \$1,500 with a match from the neighborhood. Motion was seconded. Motioned carried.

Jaeger Proposal: Chelsea Heights Character Area – Bruce reported that there have been a number of issues in the Chelsea Heights area. It is the only area where the neighborhood was platted one way and developed another way. Kathie Gannon brought the Jaeger group down to look at the neighborhood to develop a

character area for Chelsea Heights and to examine ranch houses to determine if they are historic.

Alida moved that this issue be referred to the Historic Preservation Committee for review. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Cynthia Tauxe recused herself from the vote.

Atlanta - Changes to Landmark District status - tabled

Atlanta Public Schools purchase of Howard School
tabled-

Other -

President's Report – (Status/Update) – Bruce MacGregor

Nunan Property – Rob Benfield reports nothing new.

Clifton Community Partnership – tabled

Old Business:

NEW BUSINESS –

Establish DH Investment/Conservation Group – Point Person Needed!

The meeting was adjourned.