

MINUTES
Druid Hills Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
7:30PM Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Emory's 1784 N. Decatur Road Building

Call to Order, Recognition of Guests: **Bruce MacGregor**, outgoing President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Guests included a new couple from Division 9, **Amy Stankus** and **Sue Apolinsky** from the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission, **Brian Cook** of the CCP, and Officer **Jeremy Turner** from the DeKalb Police. New and returning officers and board members were then asked to introduce themselves to the group. **Steven Misner** may become the new Division Chair for Division 9 to succeed **Cathy Vandenberg**, the new First Vice President.

Officer Turner, who is a neighborhood resident and part of the Interactive Community Policing Program, gave his contact information and advised that he is working with **Sgt. Singh** of the Druid Hills Patrol. He advised that crime is up, especially car thefts and break-ins and telephone scams.

Secretary's Report (approval of minutes): Minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting were approved.

The Secretary also distributed packets containing Board member obligations, Association objectives, officer and Division Chair duties, and Board Policies and Traditions to the newly-elected officers and members who were present, in anticipation of an installation ceremony.

Outgoing President **Bruce MacGregor** and Incoming President **Jim Morawetz** each made a statement, after which **Jim Morawetz** presided at the meeting.

Historic Preservation Commission members **Amy Stankus** and **Sue Apolinsky** addressed the Board concerning problems the HPC is having with application and enforcement of the Historic Preservation Guidelines. Emphasizing that it was the neighborhood that wanted the Historic District designation, they suggested a number of ways the DHCA can help and offered assistance in implementing them by offering feedback.

Administrative Vice President's Report

Tour of Homes and Gardens & Artist Market: **Thomas Winn** reported that they need more docents. They have 360 of the 480 they need. **Mary Emma McConaughy** and **Becky Evans** encouraged Board members to sign up to be Friends and Patrons of the Tour. **Joanna Stroud** reported on the Artist Market and invited everyone to attend the opening reception.

Community & Lifestyle Committee: **Chad Henderson** reported that the neighborhood could win some money in the ING Marathon cheering zone competition with seven other neighborhoods. They have decided to apply any winnings to the soccer field at Deepdene Park.

First Vice President's Report

Historic Preservation: **Alida Silverman** reported on the proposed landscape plan for the former Howard School property now being used as the Morningside Kindergarten Annex (see

Minutes of December 12, 2007 meeting). A proposed connector for use by carpools, bisecting the front of the property between the driveways is inconsistent with the historic landscape design for the neighborhood, but the APS considers it necessary for safety reasons. The connector (a circulation issue) was made part of a landscape plan that will be submitted for the property. More recently, one or two curb cuts on Springdale Road have been proposed, as well. Springdale Road residents do not want their street being used as a stacking lane for carpools, the inevitable consequence of that connector plan. An alternative plan has as its goal taking carpool traffic off Ponce and using the DH Methodist Church Briarcliff Road driveway (where there is a traffic light) for carpools. Buses could use the Neel Reid house driveway. **Alida** and **Joanna Stroud** will present the alternative plan at the next hearing and are seeking support from Springdale residents and others.

Proposed Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance for Emory Village (see Minutes of meetings in October and November 2007 and February 2008): **John Hudson** reported that the Task Force will work with AIEV to seek common ground and develop alternatives to the proposed amendment. While “the word” is that Commissioner Rader is working on an ordinance that will cover all mixed-use developments in DeKalb County, the fact that Emory Village is in an historic district should be taken into consideration.

Chelsea Heights: Steven Misner reported that the developer won one of the Hummingbird Lane cases on the basis that the COA was denied by the HPC when it comprised only three commissioners. This decision should not affect the other cases in which the COAs were denied by four commissioners. Steven also handed-out copies of the new draft Chelsea Heights Character Area that should eventually be submitted to the HPC.

Druid Hills Master Plan: Max Creighton reported that the committee has met and that they are planning to bring something to the Board in the next two months.

Emory Development: Bruce MacGregor reported that Emory will not be moving the hospital to the Clairmont Road campus as previously speculated. Discussions are ongoing concerning Emory’s acquisition and use of houses on N. Decatur Road.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Shuey, Secretary