

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Druid Hills Civic Association
7:30PM Wednesday, April 9, 2008
St. John's Lutheran Church

Call to Order, Recognition of Guests: **Jim Morawetz**, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Guests included **Alida Silverman**, historic preservation; **Jean Luker**, Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church; **Calvin Simms**, candidate for County CEO; and **Tom Stubbs**, candidate for DeKalb Superior Court Judge.

Secretary's Report (approval of minutes): **Dick Shuey**, Secretary, reported that there was not a quorum present at the meeting. The minutes were deferred.

Jim Morawetz reported that **Elliott Kyle** is the new Division 7 Chair, and **Steven Misner** is the new Division 9 Chair.

Administrative Vice President's Report

Tour: Joanna Stroud reported that there will be publicity in the AJC Home section on Thursday. The Tour Committee is still seeking more docents and help setting up the Artist Market. Volunteers should contact **Nan Brinson**.

Board Training: Jim Morawetz reported that training for board members has been set for May 17th. Information and an agenda will be coming out soon.

ING Marathon: Jim Morawetz thanked members who participated in the Druid Hills cheering zone for the ING Marathon on March 30th.

Membership Committee – Thea Roeser

Thea is developing a new membership packet to be presented in a fabric shopping bag with a DHCA logo, and containing neighborhood information in CD or DVD format vs. paper.

The committee is also redoing access to membership information, and better defining areas of interest for which members can sign up.

Consideration needs to be given to making Aging in Place separate from the Community and Lifestyle Committee. The suggestion will be discussed with **Lynn Hart**, Aging in Place Subcommittee Chair.

Although the committee wants to figure out exactly how much the neighborhood yard sale made, it was agreed that “membership” should be a regular budget item and not limited to proceeds of the committee's activities.

First Vice President's Report

The Emory Village Response Team has drafted a proposed resolution to address the amendment to the alcohol ordinance being floated by AIEV. The resolution seeks restrictions that will not harm fine dining restaurants, but will provide a 50 yard residential buffer. The ensuing discussion yielded proposals to also restrict alcohol sales in the BP quadrant, and to approach other neighborhoods to get involved because an amendment to the alcohol ordinance

would have county-wide ramifications. Although the absence of a quorum prevented a vote on the resolution, it was unanimously supported by a straw poll among the members present.

Chelsea Heights: Steven Misner reported that he has not heard anything new regarding the guidelines. They are going to set up a neighborhood meeting the week of April 21st or the following week to discuss the proposed guidelines.

The Byway: Alida Silverman and **Bruce MacGregor** met with the developer of the property just off Lullwater – they are working together on appropriate development.

APS at the former Howard School on Ponce: Alida Silverman reported that the Atlanta Urban Design Commission approved a Landscape Plan including circulation for the new NE elementary school on the former Howard School property. Both historic driveways will remain intact with no "connector" between them, and with no curb cuts to connect Springdale with the corner house driveway. All new plantings are from the historic Olmsted planting plan. The AUDC did its job. Staff and commissioners are to be commended. This application required a good deal of teamwork by members of the Landmark District Preservation Committee, including **Joanna Stroud** who took on the traffic element; then-president **Bruce MacGregor**; former president **Chuck Palmer**, who brought in **Norman Koplun**, former City bureau of buildings director; **Martha Porter Hall**; and our District school board member, **Cecily Harsch-Kinnane**.

Emory: Jim Morawetz reported that Mike Mandl will attend the May board meeting to discuss plans for the new hospital.

Treasurer's Report – John Hudson

Jim Morawetz reported that the Executive Committee had approved a contribution of \$500.00 to the Cabbage Town tornado relief fund.

New Business

The CCP Design Committee will conduct a community meeting on Saturday, April 12th regarding a bike path along N. Decatur Rd. It has been speculated that Emory is buying the houses along the north side of the street with the intention of constructing a bike path, then reselling the houses.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Shuey, Secretary