

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Druid Hills Civic Association
7:30PM Wednesday, August 20, 2008
Emory's 1784 N. Decatur Road Building

Call to Order, Recognition of Guests: **Jim Morawetz**, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Guests included **Mike Mandl, Brian Cooke, Betty Willis**, et al. from Emory; **Ed Ellis**, their traffic consultant; **Doug Robinson; Claudia Edwards** and **Beth Laney**; and **Tom Stubbs**, candidate for Superior Court Judge.

Emory Health Care Expansion: Emory's representative, **Chuck Palmer**, gave a presentation regarding the expansion plans, after which **Mike Mandl, Brian Cooke**, and **Ed Ellis** fielded questions from board members. Emory is seeking SLUPs for nine and fourteen story buildings and a 1200-space parking deck; expansion plan details and schematic renditions may be viewed on Emory's web site. Board members' questions centered on increased traffic on N. Decatur Rd and surrounding thoroughfares; widening of roads and intersections; cut-through traffic in the neighborhoods; construction traffic; and the expansion's visual impact on the neighborhood. **Mike Mandl** evinced a willingness to discuss campus edges with the neighborhood.

Doug Robinson, Eagle Eye Book Shop, presented DHCA with a check for \$282, representing 10% of the proceeds from the sale of **Robert Hartle's** book on Druid Hills.

Claudia Edwards and **Beth Laney** gave a brief presentation on the **Parents Network**, which has continued to grow. They are not involved with the Druid Hills baby-sitting co-op.

Secretary's Report (approval of minutes): Minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting were approved

Committee Reports

Chelsea Heights Design Guidelines: The proposed guidelines were tabled for three months by the HPC because the speakers For and Against were split about 50-50 (no consensus). Opposition is not specific – just against more guidelines.

Druid Hills News: **Mary Angela Whyte** reported that advertisers have been dropping out in favor of advertising on the internet and other media. Ads should comprise 40% of the paper to break even, but are now down to 27%. Several remedial measures are under consideration, such as seeking advertisers more aggressively; offering them acknowledgement and perhaps links on the DHCA web site; and reverting to 8 pages (from 12) as it used to be. It was noted print media in general has been experiencing difficulties retaining necessary advertising, and that we may need to consider more

frequent editions or an electronic version to get the ads we need. All are invited to send their thoughts and suggestions to Mary Angela.

Night Club (“Late Night Establishment”) Ordinance: The BOC will vote on the proposed ordinance in September. Although the details seem to keep changing, it looks like it will require a SLUP for any new establishment that wants to sell alcohol after 12:30 a.m. It is regarded as a prelude to removing the ABC distance requirements from churches and schools. We are working with other civic associations to protect our neighborhoods from this kind of encroachment.

“Upgraded” Power Lines in Division 2: Bob Ballou reported that Georgia Power is moving power poles to the sidewalk from the landscape strip by the street in order to meet DOT’s objective of getting the poles further away from the street. He has corresponded with the County, including the HPC, to no avail. It was suggested that he may need to get their U. S. Representative and Senators involved.

Membership: Thea Roeser reported that the Neighborhood Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th. She has signs for 125 participants’ houses.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Shuey, Secretary