

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Druid Hills Civic Association**  
**7:30PM Wednesday, September 17, 2008**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Call to Order, Recognition of Guests: Cathy Vandenberg**, First Vice President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. Guests included **Tangela Barrie**, candidate for Superior Court Judge; **Ella Smith**, candidate for School Board District 2; and neighbor **Terry Nelson**.

**Secretary's Report (approval of minutes):** Minutes of the May 21, 2008 and August 20, 2008 meetings were approved.

**First Vice President's Report**

**Emory Health Care Expansion: Ken Gibson**, representing the Land Use Committee, presented a comprehensive report on negotiations with Emory concerning zoning conditions for its expansion plans. He was assisted in the presentation by **Chuck Palmer**, representing Emory. Ken reported that Emory was responsive to the concerns of the neighborhood and has agreed to a number of conditions that address traffic, visual impact, and other aspects of the expansion. **Rob Vicevich** expressed concern about plans for a bike path along N. Decatur Rd. vs. a bike lane in the street. This matter will be discussed further with Emory.

The BOC is scheduled to vote on the application next week. A motion was approved to give **Jim Morawetz** and the Land Use Committee authority to reach a negotiated agreement with Emory; to decide whether the DHCA position will be to approve or not to oppose Emory's application; and to notify Commissioner Rader of the decision in advance of the BOC meeting.

**"Upgraded Power Lines" on Ridgecrest and East Lake: Bob Ballou** reported that he has set up a meeting with Georgia Power, GADOT, Commissioner Jeff Rader, and State Representative Stephanie Stuckey Benfield.

**Chelsea Heights Design Guidelines: Steven Misner** reported that he was asked by the HPC to work with opponents of the proposed guidelines to identify specific changes they want, and to determine what the proponents will go along with, in preparation for the November HPC meeting.

**Legal Update – Hummingbird Lane Lawsuits and Lot Merger Ordinance: Steven Misner** reported that building permits have been posted on three of the five contested lots on Hummingbird Lane. Going along with four houses should not establish an adverse precedent because a recurrence would be prevented by the recent lot merger ordinance, and probably by the new design guidelines. Accordingly, a motion was approved to allow Steven and the neighbors to negotiate with the developer for a four-house solution.

Meanwhile, the **White Hills** subdivision is appealing a BZA decision to treat the variance procedure as automatic in lot merger cases. Inasmuch as the decision eviscerates the ordinance and would be harmful to Druid Hills if allowed to stand, the Executive Committee voted to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 in matching funds for legal fees. The appeal had to be filed approximately two weeks before the date of this meeting.

**Late Night Establishment Ordinance: Cathy Vandenberg** reported that the BOC will vote on some version of the ordinance next week. The DHCA probably will not oppose it.

**“Take Back Our Streets” Campaign:** Traffic Committee Chair **Mac Platt** sent an outline of the campaign, which is patterned after Alabama’s very successful “Take Back Our Highways” campaign and will be designed this fall. They are already working on getting twenty pedestrian crosswalks marked and signed. Officer Turner is going to bat for us.

### **Administrative Vice President’s Report**

**2009 DHCA Home and Garden Tour and Artist Market: Stephanie Wright** submitted a comprehensive Organizational Chart and reported that all except one of the positions have been filled. They now have thirty people serving on the Tour Committee!

### **Treasurer’s Report**

**John Hudson** reported that officers and committee chairs are in the process of submitting their requests for the **2009 Budget**. The Budget Committee will consider the requests in drafting a budget proposal for presentation to the Board.

**Stephanie Wright** requested \$385 from the current budget for a neighborhood children’s **Halloween Party** sponsored by the Parents’ Network. A motion to make the expenditure from the Community & Lifestyle Committee budget was approved.

### **New Business**

**Cathy Vandenberg** reported that the Executive Committee recommended approval of the following individuals to fill four of the five vacancies on the Executive Committee: **Bruce MacGregor, Joanna Stroud, Nill Toulme, and Judy Yates**.  
Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Shuey, Secretary