

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Druid Hills Civic Association**  
**8:15 pm Wednesday, November 19, 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 **John Austin**, a resident on Westminster Way, **Patrice Yancey**, a resident on Emory Circle, and **Claudia Edwards**, Chair of the Parents Network and nominee for a position on the board of directors.

**Secretary's Report (approval of minutes):** The minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting and the October 15, 2008 meetings were approved.

**Transportation**

**Relocation of Haygood Drive:** Many of the board members attended Emory's neighborhood meeting preceding the board meeting, at which Emory discussed its proposal for the relocation of Haygood Drive to create a perpendicular intersection with N. Decatur Rd.

**Druid Hills High School Parking Issue:** The expansion of the high school will result in the reduction of parking spaces, to the possible exclusion of student parking. The school system will not lease parking spaces from an adjacent church for this purpose. Emory has reportedly purchased a house in the vicinity in order to demolish the house and use the lot for parking spaces or for the relocation of tennis courts whose space could be converted to parking.

**Parking Problem on Oxford Road between The ByWay and N. Decatur Road:** Emory students and/or employees are using most of the residential parking in front of houses on Oxford Road, and purportedly car pooling or taking Cliff to the campus. Residents are seeking assistance in getting residential permit parking established. The DHCA cannot intervene because it could simply shift the problem to other neighborhood streets. However, getting permitted parking is something the neighbors can accomplish, and the DHCA will publish the procedure on its website for the benefit of all neighborhood residents who want to use it.

**Land Use**

**Chelsea Heights Design Guidelines:** Although the HPC seems predisposed to approve the proposed Chelsea Heights Guidelines Commissioners Rader and Gannon have intervened and directed the HPC to meet with both the proponents and opponents to the Chelsea Heights Guidelines to see if a compromise can be reached which will be acceptable to the HPC. A decision on HPC adoption of the Guidelines has been deferred

until February. **Steven Misner** will meet with the HPC, the Commissioners and opponents and try to resolve the issues.

**Hummingbird Properties:** **Steve Misner reported that** the neighbors immediately impacted by the proposed five lot development on Hummingbird Lane would rather not file suit to challenge the issuance on the COAs on the first three lots. The developers' lawsuit challenging the denial of COAs on the latter two lots resulted in court approval of the denial. It was agreed that we will respect the neighborhood consensus and simply see what the developers do in light of their win on the first three lots and loss on the latter two lots.

**New Power Line Installation on Ridgecrest, E. Lake and W. Parkwood:** New poles have been installed on Ridgecrest and W. Parkwood, and Georgia Power is now trying to connect them via E. Lake. Efforts to meet with GDOT have been futile.

**Friends of Piedmont Park** is being sued by the **Atlanta Botanical Garden** for its attorneys' fees in the case it won regarding the parking deck. A motion was approved to draft a letter asking the ABG to drop the lawsuit, and to shop it around to other civic associations for co-signors.

**BOC Actions:** The Board of Commissioners passed the **night club (“late night establishment”)** ordinance at its meeting yesterday. The **neighborhood conservation ordinance** may have passed, and the **infill housing ordinance** was deferred.

There is also a proposed **work force housing** ordinance that would allow a 25% density bonus for employment centers and town centers, and a proposed stream buffer ordinance that would exempt the County and its contractors from complying with certain stream buffer provisions and provide for administrative variances without public hearings. Motions were approved to authorize the executive committee to take positions on both of these proposals on behalf of the DHCA if they come up for hearings before our next board meeting.

### **Communications**

**Druid Hills News:** Ad revenues are still down, resulting in a reduction from twelve to eight pages.

### **Community & Lifestyle**

**Claudia Edwards** and **Chad Henderson** were congratulated for the successes of the **Halloween Party** and **Druid Hills Day**, respectively. A good time was had by all!

### **Governance**

The board approved the appointment of **Claudia Edwards** to the board of directors.

The board approved the appointment of **Chad Henderson, Bruce MacGregor, Steven Misner** and **Thea Roeser** to the nominating committee.

**Treasurer's Report:** **John Hudson** reported on the status of the cash and reserve accounts. Taxes have been paid for this year, and for last year with a penalty.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Shuey, Secretary