

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Druid Hills Civic Association**  
**7:30 pm Wednesday, February 18, 2009**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Call to Order, Recognition of Guests:** Jim Morawetz, Outgoing President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

New officers were installed.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

**Report on Annual Meeting:** Thomas recognized for organizing meeting  
Need to minimize confusion at sign-in table

1. Annualize memberships for calendar year, but need to deal with many checks at once.
2. Use paypal online to streamline process.

Membership Committee recommendations

1. Advertise cut-off for voting memberships before meeting
2. Need to finalize ballots

Concluding Recommendations:

1. Elliot Kyle will continue pursuing membership issues,
2. Cathy Vandenberg will pursue election issues.

**Land Use and Historic Preservation**

1. Nunan Property: Mr. Buckler's 500 pg. COA application to divide one of the lots into 2 lots was denied by the HPC on February 17, 2009. (Bruce MacGregor)
2. Chelsea Heights Design Guidelines deferred at February 17 meeting. Opposition is muted and expected to pass at March meeting. (Steve Misner)
3. Stream Buffer Ordinance Land Use Committee: Proposal was made to include a formal procedure to regulate variances for DeKalb County projects through the Commissioners. DHCA now supportive of new ordinance as further delay will be counterproductive. To be voted on next Tuesday, Feb. 21. (Bruce MacGregor)
4. Status of revised Zoning Ordinance: DHCA opposes proposal to eliminate R-20000 and R-30000 designations that apply to long but narrow (70') lots in DH. Lynn Kerpel was suggested to chair a reactivated task force to consider designations or an overlay appropriate for all existing lots in DH. Rolf Grun. and Alida Silverman. agreed to serve. (Bruce MacGregor)
5. Rezoning of commercial property adjacent to DH: A 5 story Hampton Inn (on top of a 2 story parking deck) is proposed on N. Decatur Rd. between the Publix and the 4 story Holiday Inn Express. Appropriate us for this site but concerns include setting a precedent and access on N. Decatur where there are already too many curb cuts. (Bruce)

**Tour of Homes and Artists Market Update**

1. Dick Shuey will be the executive board liaison required to keep in touch with Tour Committee next year.
2. Joanna Stroud reported that tickets, brochures, and organization all on track. Artists market is full.

3. Becky Evans reported that \$14.5K sponsorships + \$5K printing donation is comparable to last year's \$21.5K in sponsorships.
4. Board members are needed to serve as docents and possibly become \$100 Friends.

### **Transportation**

Haygood Dr. realignment proposal: 5 lanes shifted west to path of houses gives DHHS more space while Emory and CDC traffic is rerouted away from Clifton and center of campus.

1. Need to have a transportation committee establish our position. Becky Evans reported that Mac Platt will no longer be leading the transportation committee. Ron Faust was suggested as a potential chair. Dick Shuey. will check with Division chairs.
2. Need Divisions 5, 7 & 8 represented since they are directly impacted.
3. Need a design drawing and a presentation from the county. Mike Mandl will have his 'Ask Mike' meeting at Emory next week on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Communications**

David Hill is already working on the website and adding automated functions.

### **Crime**

Problem is on the rise everywhere but DH may be targeted. (Marshall Orson)

1. DH includes Atlanta & DeKalb jurisdictions (as well as Emory police) that do not communicate with each other.
2. Need for more communication and perhaps reactivated block captains.
3. Druid Hills patrol costs \$480 per year. Is it effective?

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

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