

DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board Meeting
Wed., November 15, 2017 @ 7:30 pm
Location: St. John's

IN ATTENDANCE

Officers: A Wallace, H. Handley, F Putney, K Gibson
Past Pres./Ex-Officio: B MacGregor, J Critz, R Graham
Div Chairs: S Day, Y Weatherly, S Thornton, R Foust, V Biesel, S. Misner
2017: R Benefield, K Eisterhold, C Liggett, P Mitchell
2018: B Evans, R Hughes, A. Keenan, M. Walters, C Waterbury
2019: H Lane, P Moise, E Riley, A Silverman, D Winston
Guests: Heather Baird, Karen Mason & Ella Doyle (Emory Presbyterian Church),
Jacob Gunther (Twin Radius), Nikki Griffiths & Alexandra Soares (DHHS)

Andrew Keenan introduced Christina Bray (Director of Development & Outreach at Callanwolde) and Caitlin King (General Manager) who reported on recent renovations at Callanwolde including the Greenhouse, the Gardener's Cottage and the Barn recording studio. All buildings are now being used for programs.

Callanwolde submitted a donation request to fund their art gallery to eliminate a \$5 admissions charge. In return, Callanwolde will look into having DHCA table signage, a link to the DHCA website, and a Banner during the tour.

Ron Foust introduced Heather Baird from Emory Presbyterian who gave an update on the Mural Project in Division 8, which will be funded by grants. Jacob Gunter, founder and director of Twin Radius which promotes community engagement through volunteerism, education and the arts, reported that the mural will have a diversity inclusion theme using ideas from DHHS students. Artists will be selected from a pool of applicants and several students will be selected as interns. Two teachers from DHHS were present to support this community outreach project and reported that DHHS is one of the most diverse schools in the county with a student body that speaks 36 languages.

President Anne Wallace called the Business meeting to order and the October minutes were approved.

A dismissal of the Clifton Ridge lawsuit by an order signed by Judge Jackson in October has been received. Elise Riley expressed appreciation to Anne Wallace for all the time and effort put into resolving lawsuit.

Chris Liggett reported that only 3 orders for the December 2nd Trees Atlanta Planting were made online through Wild Apricot. He is confident that there will be enough sign-ups in Divisions 3 and 6 and signs have been posted. Fran will include sign-up information online.

Featured Division of the Month:

Van Biesel and Ron Foust described their Division 8 as the NE corner of Druid Hills which is bounded by North Decatur Rd, Clairmont Rd, the South Fork Peachtree Creek, and Clifton Rd. Division 8 includes Emory's Clairmont Campus, Houston Mill and the Lullwater Preserve, Druid Hills HS, Emory Presbyterian Church, and Emory's new Hospital Tower. There are only 130 homes in the Nationally Registered Historic Division of the Emory Grove neighborhood built after WWII. Emory Grove includes tennis courts, a pavilion, and playgrounds in hidden parks. The Annexation of Emory results in the Emory Grove neighborhood being bounded by the City of Atlanta to the North and West.

Current concerns include terrible sidewalks and a possible light rail line separating the Division from the rest of Druid Hills.

DHCA Holiday Party: Kit Eisterhold reminded the board to attend the Dec 16 Holiday Party at 6:00. Spouses are invited and all are asked to bring a dish to share.

DH History Documentary: Fran Putney & David Winston reported that twenty-two people were filmed in groups of three and four and six hours of high resolution film was recorded at the OLPA House. Participants enjoyed talking with one another and many memories and stories were documented. The film will be shown three times at Paideia during Saturday's Home and Garden Tour.

Treasurer's Report:

Callanwolde has asked for a \$2500 donation to support the art gallery which has a \$6300 program budget. Andrew Keenan reported that Peggy Still Johnson, the Executive Director, is resigning this year. The property & facilities are much improved and all should visit Callanwolde if you haven't seen it recently. A desire to improve our relationship with Callanwolde was expressed by many.

A Motion to support Callanwolde with a \$2K donation passed.

Also approved were the following motions for requested donations:

A Motion to donate \$500 each to DHHS, Fernbank ES, and Paideia.

A Motion to support Park Pride with a \$100 donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance and Nominating Committee: Phil Moise explained that all members may nominate candidates for officers who are then approved by the Board. Nominations are due the Monday after Thanksgiving.

The Governance Committee proposed having a professionally hosted retreat to consider long term plans & goals to preserve and build the neighborhood. A retreat in the spring is a possibility.

The Annual Meeting: Honora Handley has reservations with the Fernbank Museum for January 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 with set up beginning at 12:00. Fernbank will provide tables, cookies and water. Volunteers are needed to help plan as well as to set up and register participants.

Membership Committee: Members will be contacted by Wild Apricot to renew their memberships and a membership card will be included in the Fall DH News.

2018 Home and Garden Tour: Ryan Graham reported that seven homes, five gardens and a labyrinth will be on the 2018 tour with the theme of "History Happens Here." Homes will be on Springdale, Fairview, Ponce and at the Peavine waterfall at Dan and Mary Emma McConaughy's. One of the homes was on the first tour in 1968. Cynthia Waterbury presented drafts of tour posters designed by Gary Bannister, a Paideia parent.

Annexation Update: Chris Liggett reported that an intergovernmental agreement is being considered today. A six page summary of the agreement will be posted on the DHCA website. The Annexation study group will meet tomorrow.

A Resolution reached by the Atlanta Public School Board determined that the few students affected by annexation will attend Morningside ES.

DeKalb Land Use Committee: Kit Eisterhold & Bruce MacGregor reported on stream buffer ordinance issues. There are concerns that an interpretation of a "sea wall" being heard in the state Supreme Court could eliminate the State's 25' streambuffer requirement. If the state buffer goes away, local ordinances go away, too.

Another case being heard may affect how late Bars can remain open in Chamblee and Brookhaven.

The November Board meeting adjourned at 8:55