

**DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Board Meeting**

**Wed., July 19, 2017 @ 7:30 pm**

**Hosted by: Kit Eisterhold**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Officers: A Wallace, L Van Gelderen, H Handley, F Putney

Past Pres./Ex-Officio: D Shuey, C Vandenberg, B MacGregor, R Graham, J Heerin

Div Chairs: Y Weatherly, R Vicevich, M St.Louis, R Nelson, S Thornton, S Mathias, R Foust, S Misner

2017: R Benfield, K Eisterhold, C Liggett, P Mitchell, J Morawetz

2018: W Heaps, R Hughes, M Walters

2019: R Atkins, P Moise, E Riley, A Silverman, D Winston

Guests: Jeff Rader, Dan Wright, Linda Chapca, Marci Mauer-Nunnery, Karen McCown, Nill Foulme, David Dunlap, Mark Goldman, Suzanne Shabnavoz, Rolf Grun

President Anne Wallace called the July Board meeting to order at 7:44 after Jeff Rader (DeKalb County Commissioner, District 2) spoke about N. Decatur Road safety & Emory/City of Atlanta annexation issues (zoning regulations & historic district regulations, add-on annexation, work with city on services, esp. fire station services), Discussion about traffic signs at N. Decatur with comments from public individuals attending meeting. More discussion needed. Rader encourages DHCA to discuss more formally to register the association's views regarding Emory annexation & related issues.

The June 2017 minutes were approved.

**Announcement:**

All 2017 – 18 Budget requests due 7-31 to Tom McGuigan.

**Committee Reports:**

For first time DHCA/OLPA "Picnic in the Park" – Sunday, Sept. 24 – in Linear Parks, 4 – 7 pm

Committees & volunteers needed: Entertainment, food, set up, etc. Scott Storbeck's idea.

Steven Mathias reported – coordinating, hoping for 250 – 500 people. Family event. More details to come.

Membership

Steven Mathias – new theme for next year: Love your neighborhood. Move more into digital DHCA registration. Renewal envelope to go into Fall newsletter. Shooting for 1000 members in 2018! Last month beat all records for annual membership income. Welcome bags here for Division chairs.

LDPC Landmark District Committee --

Alida Silverman – application for COA at 1609 S Ponce for redevelopment was deferred to Aug. 9 hearing. Proposed look, says Alida, "doesn't look like Druid Hills." Major problems with the application. To be continued.

Dekalb Land Use Committee:

Kit Eisterhold - Lullwater Round About is in bad shape. Turn it over to Justin's brother's business. Lots split on Normandy is bad idea.

## Executive Session

At around 8:00 pm Anne Wallace called the Board into executive session to discuss a proposed settlement of the Clifton Ridge dispute, and the meeting was joined by Judy Aust of Goodman McGuffey LLP, the law firm representing DHCA in the proposed settlement. All other visitors left the meeting.

The first item of business was to determine whether to allow Bruce McGregor and Rob Benfield to remain in the meeting since one of DHCA's lawyers had previously determined that each of them had a conflict of interest because the proposed settlement expressly excluded them. A spirited discussion followed in which many different opinions were expressed on this issue. The issue was resolved when Judy Aust stated that it would not be appropriate for the Board to discuss the proposed settlement in the presence of two non-parties to the settlement, and she therefore would not discuss the settlement with Bruce McGregor and Rob Benfield present. At this point Bruce and Rob excused themselves from the meeting.

Anne Wallace then passed out to the remaining Board members present a summary of the proposed settlement that had been prepared by Phil Moïse. The summary addressed each substantive aspect of the proposed settlement. A previous version of the summary had been reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved with one or two changes, and the summary had also been reviewed by Judy Aust.

After each Board member had read the entire summary, Phil Moïse led the Board in a discussion of each point addressed by the summary, and Judy Aust addressed a number of questions from the Board. Anne Wallace also read to the Board a proposed statement announcing the settlement which is to be included in the next Druid Hills News, and a proposed welcome letter to be given to new residents of the Clifton Ridge development. Every Board member present had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on each aspect of the proposed settlement, and each point generated a general discussion.

During the course of the discussion Ian Bogost, Wendy Heaps and Robert Hughes left the meeting due to other commitments; and Philip Lee resigned from the Board and left the meeting out of concern for possible liability if he were to vote on the proposed settlement.

After a lengthy discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Board hereby (i) approves the settlement of DHCA's dispute with the developers of the Clifton Ridge subdivision on the terms presented to the Board at this meeting in the Summary of Proposed Clifton Ridge Settlement (the "Settlement"), and (ii) authorizes Anne Wallace, as President of DHCA, or others designated by her, to finalize and sign a settlement agreement and any other documents required to give full effect to the Settlement.

The results of the voting were: 19 directors "for" the resolution, five directors "against" the resolution, and one abstention.

Immediately after the resolution was adopted, upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by the Board, the meeting adjourned around 10 pm