

DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board Meeting
Wed., September 19, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
Hosted by: Alida Silverman
Location: The Frazer Center

IN ATTENDANCE

Officers: A Wallace, A Keenan, T McGuigan, K Gibson
Past Pres./Ex-Officio: B MacGregor, J Richardson, C Sleeth
Div Chairs: J Critz, S Day, Y Weatherly, M St. Louis, R Nelson, D Engle, S Thornton,
S Mathias, R Foust, V Biesel, S Misner.
2018: B Evans, R Hughes, C Waterbury
2019: H Lane, P Moise, A Silverman, D Winston
2020: J Giegerich, J Jones, C Liggett, S Sullivan
Guests: Laura Hennighausen (Freedom Park Conservancy), Tia Mitchell (The Atlanta Journal-
Constitution), Ginger Ann Hughes.

President Anne Wallace called the September Board meeting to order and the August minutes were approved.

Elise Riley introduced Ginger Ann Hughes (Robert Hughes' wife) who is taking charge of the Parents Network now that Elise is moving.

Guest Presentation:

Tia Mitchell introduced herself as the AJC Reporter covering DeKalb County who started last November. She requested to be invited to our events and encouraged us to contact her when there are issues that need to be reported objectively. Alida asked her how she sees journalism today and Tia answered that her calling in life is to present true stories in a clear way that connect with people's lives. She is aware that there is a lot going on in DeKalb County but she is also interested in municipal issues such as the changes in new nightclub laws in Brookhaven and developers using annexation to pursue their plans. She publishes reports on facebook and twitter (twitter.com/tiareports) and she can be contacted at 404-526-2373 or email tia.mitchell@ajc.com

Announcements:

The second annual Picnic in the Park is this Sunday, September 23, from 4:00 to 7:00 at Dellwood section of the Olmsted Linear Park at Ponce and Clifton. A sign-up Sheet was passed around to support the event since volunteers are needed for set up, cleanup, serving food and distributing tickets for the ice cream truck. The DHCA is sharing expenses with OLPA and all attendees should sign up on our website (<https://www.druidhills.org/event-2996505>)

2018 Calendar Updates: The Executive Committee meets October 10 and November 7 and Board meetings will take place on October 17 and November 14, which is the second Wednesday due to Thanksgiving on the 22nd. No December meetings are scheduled before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20, but a Holiday party in December will take place.

FLOCK Update: only two security cameras have been installed due to unexpected utilities issues.

Examples of photos taken on Moreland/Fairview and Lullwater / Ponce were shown. All other cameras should be installed by the end of September. Justin Critz has access to footage when a police report is issued. The cameras will now be tied to a GBI system that recognizes cars on a national wanted list. This new feature is included for free. Anne reported that since the DHNews had a front page article on FLOCK, neighbors on Princeton Way are pursuing installation of Flock cameras at the two intersections of Princeton Way with North Decatur.

Freedom Park Update:

Harriett Lane gave a presentation on an ambitious project being proposed for Freedom Park. It's been over 20 years since the last plan for Freedom Park was developed after CAUTION's successful resistance to the proposed freeway through our neighborhood. CAUTION evolved into the Freedom Park Conservancy and is now raising funds for a new masterplan for the park. Because much of the park is built where more than 600 houses were demolished for the proposed toll roads, a major art installation is being developed that will tell stories and histories by identifying remnants of old structures in the park. The "Dwelling" installations will be based on historic maps including the Sanborn maps from 1899. The Atlanta History Center, the Emory Center for Digital Scholarship, and Phoenix Flies are partnering with the FPC. The city of Atlanta also approved an ordinance with a unanimous vote authorizing the city to acquire nine new pieces of art for a total investment of 4.4 M\$. Three of the art pieces will be arriving at Freedom Park.

Harriet will be the new President of the FPC and she then introduced Laura Hennighausen, who was hired to be the Executive Director of the FPC. Laura is available to meet with anyone interested in learning more about the FPC and can be contacted at Laura@freedompark.org. A sign-up sheet for those interested in their newsletter was passed around.

Committee Reports

Governance Committee: Nominations for next year's officers should be given to Chris Liggett. Phil Moise reviewed the proposed Code of Conduct sent to all members and a motion to adopt it was made. During discussion of the code, examples of indirect and direct conflict of financial and non-financial conflicts of interests were clarified. A suggestion was made to label points in the code in the future to make it easier to refer to various sections. A concern was expressed that loyalty to the organization would not allow disagreement. Loyalty to the organization is defined as acting in a way each person believes is in the best interest of the DHCA. A disagreement is not necessarily a conflict.

A vote to adopt the Code of Conduct was approved with two against, two abstained, and over twenty in favor.

Home and Garden Tour: Steven Mathias reported that many long time organizers of the tour have retired so new members of the Tour Committee are needed. Openings include Chairs and Co-Chairs in Operations, Recruitment, Publicity, and especially Sponsorships.

Transportation Committee:

GDOT has proposed several projects that address safety issues on Ponce de Leon but also affect Deepdene and the Dellwood/Shadyside sections of the Olmsted Linear Park. A proposed resolution was handed out to the Board of Directors that states that the legal agreement and court order of 1992

should continue to be supported and reminds engineers, who may be unaware of the court order, of its existence. Tom reminded us that traffic has changed significantly in the last 25 years and safety does need to be addressed. Anne suggested that GDOT may have a larger comprehensive plan that is not being communicated to the neighborhoods and are only releasing bits and pieces at different times.

A motion to adopt the resolution was made, voted on and adopted. There was one against, two abstained, and over twenty in support of the resolution.

Mike St. Louis gave an update on DeKalb County's new North Decatur Road proposal. The county plan is designed to slow down vehicles on North Decatur with small roundabouts with raised center islands that busses can pass through at intersections. There would also be new bike lanes and pedestrian crossing markings. The light at the Oxford Road intersection would be retained. DHCA requested 4-way stop signs but this was rejected by the county as creating traffic problems. Their suggestion for small roundabouts was generally supported by concerned citizens. Currently existing right of ways are all that is needed for the plan and current lane widths will not be expanded. The plan is expensive for the county and will cost \$6M.

Justin reported that Georgia State law does not allow police to give speeding tickets unless the speed is 11 MPH over speed limit, but there are exceptions for school districts and special residential speed zones. Justin is looking into what is involved for DH to control speeding by becoming a special residential speeding zone. However, residential speed zones may not apply to major through streets where bus routes exist.

Tom distributed a form soliciting organizational donations for the Friends of the Ponce Library at 980 Ponce De Leon Ave NE. A motion was made to support the Friends of the Ponce Library with a \$500 donation. The motion passed with two opposed and over twenty in favor.

The September DHCA Board meeting adjourned at 9:17.