

DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board Meeting Minutes
Wed., July 15, 2015;

1) Approval of June Board meeting minutes: Motion to approve was seconded. Minutes approved.

2) New Business: Emory Village Alliance is asking DHCA to be an Event Sponsor for \$1500 for Open Streets Emory Village Event September 20, 2015. The Executive Committee recommends approval of this request. Discussion of setting up a table for DHCA memberships. Motion to approve is seconded by Bruce Macgregor. Motion passes.

3) Committee Reports:

A) Land Use Committee/Atlanta Landmark District/DeKalb Historic Preservation Sub-Committees

1. Druid Hills Landmark District Ordinance text amendment, Alida Silverman presented summary including that fences will now only require administrative COA costing \$10. Type 4 demolition permits will now only be required for contributing structures. Secondary structures like carriage houses will be considered contributing. She discussed legislative schedule, which will run to October 19th. She expects the text to be made available to the public in the next couple of weeks. Motion is made to re-affirm, seconded, motion passes. City of Atlanta residents also approved by separate vote.

2. 1680 E. Clifton Rd COA application-An immediate neighbor to the property requested that he address the Board on the details of the COA application. Discussion ensued concerning proposed elevations, mass, and size and the relation to the size of the surrounding structures, tree loss, historic preservation district guidelines, and precedent for the neighborhood. A motion is made by Bruce MacGregor that the DHCA oppose the COA in its present form. Motion is seconded. Motion passes. 18 for. 1 opposed. 3 abstentions.

3. Bruce Macgregor announced that there are two new promising nominees to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission: Courtney Langford and Deb Watts. He then discussed the new zoning

ordinance in DeKalb County, which is in its final stages, and which will likely go into effect in September. Bruce also discussed potential HPC issues at Ridgewood and North Decatur. He also mentioned 817 Lullwater being reintroduced for a type 4 demolition permit in the Atlanta Landmark District.

B) Ad Hoc Governance-Revision of Bylaws: Phil Moise stated that review continues.

C) Communications: Jennie Richardson stated that the next ENews will be out soon. October 1st is the deadline for submission of articles, photographs and other content for the Druid Hills News. (our print media)

D) Transportation: There are eight new prospective members for the committee, which is moving to a subcommittee structure. Mike St. Louis will head the mass transit subcommittee. Wendy Heaps and Van Biesel will head the pedestrian and bicycle subcommittee. They are also creating a traffic calming subcommittee. They discussed how Lullwater Path has been getting some traction with the Emory Village Alliance, and that Sally Sears and Becky Evans are now involved. Mike St. Louis discussed their outreach to MARTA on their light rail project down the Clifton corridor. He is leading a group that will meet with MARTA on the subject.

E) Membership and Community: Francis Finegan discussed division chairs taking welcome bags to new residents. (Note: Welcome Bags will be distributed to Division Chairs at the August Board meeting) Sally Montgomery discussed database of residents, and possible improvements. Ann Wallace discussed National Wildlife Certification project. She said that the application has been submitted. She needs six core team leaders for the project and would prefer one in each division.

F) Home and Garden Tour: No report

G) Cityhood: Ann Wallace says both the Georgia House and Senate have appointed study committees on the subject. Mary Margaret Oliver is on the House subcommittee, and Elena Parent is chairing the Senate subcommittee. They are trying to develop a legislative format statewide for future city incorporations.

H) Executive Committee: No report other than recommendation to approve EVA Open Streets Sponsorship Request of \$1500.

I) Nominations Committee- Chair Mike St. Louis proposed two new board

members to fill vacancies in the class of 2015 and 2015. Bill Clark, a 15-year DH resident with experience lobbying for the GTLA, for the class of 2015, and Honora Handley of 834 Lullwater. Motion to approve. Motion seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Division Reports: Division 6 chair Danielle Parrington reports that residents on E. Rock Springs have not been getting mailings. They want to discuss possibility of traffic calming measures. Division 8 co-chair discussed that the head of PATH foundation is interested in connecting Medlock to Emory with footpath, under bridge at Clairmont.

Other Business: Public Safety-Jim Boone discussed car break-ins on Springdale. He would like to help revitalize Druid Hills Patrol, and possibly set up meeting with DeKalb Police. Discussion ensues. Cathy suggests we create an Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee. Jim Boone agrees to chair and Jon Markham agrees to serve on the committee.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Kit Eisterhold standing in for Ken Gibson, DHCA Secretary