

**DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
**Hosted by: Jonathan Markham**  
**Location: St. John's Lutheran Church**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Officers: A Wallace, P Moise, K Gibson

Past Presidents: C Vandenberg, B MacGregor, D Shuey

Ex-Officio & Div Chairs: J Heerin, L Van Gelderen, S Mathias, J Critz, Y Weatherly, M St. Louis,  
P Lee, R Nelson, S Thornton, V Biesel, S Misner

2016: A Howell, J Markham, Elise Riley, A Silverman.

2017: K Eisterhold, H Maitre, C Liggett, P Mitchell,

2018: B Evans.

Guests: Andrew Keenan, William Aitkenhead, Mike Walters, Fran Putney.

Jessica Frankel (Legislative aid to Georgia House Minority Leader Stacy Abrams),

Dave Peterson (representing the Lullwater Preservation Commission – LPC)

**Approval of November Minutes:**

The November 16, 2016 minutes were approved.

**Announcements:**

Amy Howell announced that the Nominating Committee has found volunteers to fill Board vacancies and that 30 of the 50 Board members have served less than 5 years, a good mix of new and experienced members.

The Board unanimously approved the following Board Vacancies (as per Bylaws Section 4.6):

Class of 2016: Bill Aitkenhead (moved to DH in 2012 and has a physics and engineering background with experience in land management)

Class of 2017: Andrew Keenan (resident since 1999, served on the Callenwalde & Live Thrive boards)

Haley Maitre (moved to DH in 2015 – experience in landscape architecture and city planning),

Mike Walters (retired from Coca Cola in 2000)

The new Communications VP is Fran Putney.

The DHCA President nominated the following Division Chairpersons to the Board for approval (Bylaws Section 5.4.1) and all were approved unanimously:

Division 1: Justin Critz & Sharon Day

Division 2: Yvette Weatherly

Division 3: Robert Vicevich

Division 4: Mike St. Louis

Division 5: Renee Nelson & Philip Lee

Division 6: Jennifer Waddy

Division 7: Sandra Thornton & Steven Mathias

Division 8: Ron Foust & Van Biesel

Division 9: Steven Misner & Ian Bogost

Editor of the DH News: Jennie Richardson & Susan Baker

Articles for the Spring Edition of the DH News are needed by mid February.

Starting this year with Division 1, each monthly Board Meeting will Feature a Division of the Month report:

Justin Critz, Division 1 Co-Chair, explained that Division 1 is within the City of Atlanta as well as DeKalb County, and is represented by both Alex Wan and Jeff Radar. Historic Preservation in Division 1 is under Atlanta's Urban Design Commission (UDC). The Landmark District Preservation Commission (Alida Silverman is an original member of this Commission) exists to help prepare residents appearing before the UDC. Division 1 residents planning changes to their properties are encouraged to talk with members of the LDPC.

### **Committee Reports:**

2017 Tour Committee: Steven Mathias reported that all 6 homes have been selected for the 2017 Home and Garden Tour. Transportation for this year will improve with updated shuttles from a new company.

A Scrap Book Chair and a Secretary are positions still needed to be filled.

Recruitment for Docents is about to begin and all Board Members need to help with recruiting!

Membership Committee: Steven Mathias reported that there has been a 50% increase in memberships from 413 to 622. Eighty-one welcome bags have been delivered to new residents and eleven new residents have joined the DHCA. Welcome bags for the 39 home sales since November are here for Division Chairs to take and distribute.

Because six signs have been lost this year, we need to identify corner properties and seek permission to post signs to reduce signage loss.

Landmark District Preservation Committee (LDPC): Alida Silverman reported that 16 onsite visits were held in 2016 for COA applications. The LDPC held on-sites at two intersections with the Transportation Committee concerning the Ponce de Leon Traffic Safety Study by GDOT.

DeKalb Land Use and HPC: Appreciation was expressed for the thorough and thoughtful written response to the Old Briarcliff Safety Alliance concerns. The developer is no longer seeking a zoning change and is proposing 12 units/acre less than the O&I zoning allows on the 2.5 acre lot on the east side of Old Briarcliff Road.

A motion was made to ask for a 90 day moratorium in submitting development plans so the county could address the inadvertent deletion of previously established tower restrictions in the new zoning code. The motion passed with one opposed.

A resolution from The Lullwater Preservation Coalition was denied by the Executive Committee for being too broad, but the EC asked Dave Peterson of the LPC Steering Committee to give an update. Research continues on what is appropriate in the historic district, and the LPC continues to follow proposals for pedestrian/bicycle access from Emory Village to the Freedom Park PATH Trail. Mike St. Louis thanked the LPC for meeting with the Transportation Committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Four donation requests were submitted including \$100 each for the Atlanta Preservation Center and the National Association for Olmsted Parks, which are already budgeted. The Executive Committee recommends a \$500 donation requested for Springdale Park ES, and \$200 for the DeKalb History Center (\$100 budgeted, \$250 requested). A Motion to approve the 2 non-budgeted donations passed.

### **Division Reports:**

Steve Misner, Division 9 Chair, reported on 10 years of successful historic zoning under the Guidelines provided by the Chelsea Heights Character Area of DeKalb County's Druid Hills Historic District. The Guidelines are accessible at <https://druidhills.org/page-18136>. However, some

neighbors have experienced difficulties in seeking Historic Preservation Commission approval of their COAs to make modifications or additions to their homes. A meeting to discuss the Guidelines, to hear your concerns and to get suggestions on modifying the Guidelines is planned for Monday, January 23, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Fernbank Elementary School.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

A Motion to go into Executive Session passed, and the January Board Meeting Adjourned at the end of the Executive Session