

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Minutes – September 5, 2012

Present: Jena Vickery, TJ McDermott, Jeffrey Porter, Jody White, Germaine Brewington, John Swansey, Julia Borbely Brown, Rachel Raney, Aaron Lubeck

Absent: Nicole Baxter, Mathew Palmer, Bunmi Matory

Minutes of the August Board Meeting

Please change SRTS to Safe Routes to School (per Jody). Jody motions to approve, Jeffrey seconds. Minutes approved.

Board vacancy – Marie Baker’s seat

Nominating Committee recommends Morgan Tempe for vacant seat. Board enthusiastic about her nomination, and her family getting involved. Jeffrey nominates, John seconds. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report

See attached... Revenues are up, but so are expenses. These numbers are thru July 2012, August statement not available yet. Expecting to be in the black at end of fiscal year due to Home Tour.

Newsletter – delivery schedule

Newsletters coming from Meredith any day for delivery. And she’s turned in outline for next issue.

Question: Should a flyer about upcoming Duke Diet and Fitness meeting be included? Group decides that if flyers will go out they’ll be delivered separately to residences near the site.

Date for Luminaria? What is it now? December 9th, but not sure what was put in the newsletter. Early in December better because it allows for a raindate.

Web Site

Proposal from Amy Hendrix emailed to board, also list of desired features. Jena Vickery spoke to three groups: Amy Hendrix, Swashbuckler Interactive, and Vision 2.0. Estimates from all three. Swashbuckler on high end (custom), Vision 2.0 more affordable but sites not as robust. Amy’s proposal stood out. Please note, Amy would be using a Word Press theme, not custom. But would be able to add plug ins.

How important is getting it done by home tour. Not important!

Philip asks, will be completely own the site, apart from Amy. Yes, it will be hosted on the server we already paid for. We’ll be keeping our URL, and it will be easily updated by TPNA administrators. Also, thanks to the committee of two, for finding vendor.

John likes specific proposal, very efficient and good model for how to tackle projects. One suggestion, please add calendar. Does register for membership mean a transaction? Yes, we want to build for this. Levels of authorization? Who can control what? Word Press allows for multiple administrators. Security? We don't want this site to be hacked... Please specify this with Amy.

Heather, is there someone in the neighborhood who could help us, a web professional maybe? Group says it's been discussed, and unfortunately no one has come forward.

How about sponsors? Yes, acknowledgement for sponsors included.

Jody moves to hire Amy Hendrix, Germaine and Jeffrey second. Motion approved.

House Tour

Nicole Baxter (What is needed from the TPNA Board?)

Text from Nicole, father passed away, Nicole is in Kansas, board extends condolences, understands her absence.

Update: Booklet published, some typos but rushed to Measurement Inc for free printing. Sara Martin pulled it together, many thanks. Working on vendor fair and entertainment. 10 sites including the gazebo.

On track to make \$10,000 with only \$3,000 in expenses. Approx \$7,000 net. Poster is being sold 'Doors of Trinity Park', booths are \$75 each, some sold.

Jeffrey, are we contributing to a non-profit? Kidz Notes is playing at beginning of fair, we're paying them \$500. Other suggestions? Durham Crisis Response Center, Habitat for Humanity, Watts PTA, DSA PTA, Preservation Durham. Julia will take these suggestions to the Home Tour Committee.

AIA has tour the same day... Julia will contact.

Jeffrey, how many tickets are we expecting to sell? Approx 250, last time we sold 400. Can we tell food trucks over 300? Yes, and hours of food truck rodeo is 4 – 6p.

Send suggestions to Julia and Dan re: possible local businesses to participate in vendor fair.

John asks about promotion for the event. Julia is stepping in with Nicole away. Someone needs to contact newspapers, and Preservation Durham, who has new ED.

Committee Updates

Community Building – Jena Vickery and Jeff Porter

Date for Luminaria? Dec 9th. Cristina Headrick organizing Halloween.

Membership – Jody White

Nothing to report.

Urban Planning – John Swansey/others

John passes around drawing of hotel, looks familiar. Planning department scrutinizes this, and comparing to the site plan. Process seems to be working. John also examining the drawing as well, to make sure all the historic details are still included. Nothing else to report on Duke Diet and Fitness besides the upcoming meeting. Katherine Jordan heading that up. No update on historic overlay. No action this summer.

Julia says she met with the city manager re: Duke Diet and Fitness. Strong faction that believes the building should be saved, that the city doesn't need all 9 acres for storm water.

Aaron Lubeck says Scott Harmon has done plans that include urban amenities in addition to wetland (not saving the building).

Philip says he has friends on all sides, and says the great thing is the process that is evolving. Now having 20% of households as neighbors means when it comes time to take a position that will be taken more serious.

Format of the meeting? Philip has idea of how to solicit feedback... Discussion about Spanish speakers being invited by Spanish flyer, translation issues, etc. Separate conversation about these issues.

Traffic – Rachel Raney

Two neighborhood parents have taken up the cause to curb speeding in the 25 mph school zones at DSA and Watts. Aaron Lubeck has specific ideas for improvements in signage and lights.

Should be a joint effort with our city transportation department and police department. NC DOT launched program worth looking into, Mathew Palmer. Aaron suggests putting a minimum number of enforcement periods in the letter, and deadline for signage to be done.

John Swansey moves that a letter approved by traffic committee chair and one executive committee should be signed. Jeffrey seconds motion. Motion approved.

PERC – Philip Azar

Updates have been sent to the listserv.

Special Events Pending

Meeting on DDF plans – September 12, 2012 7:30 King's Daughters Inn

Neighborhood Clean Up Day set for September 22, 2012 (Philip and John volunteer)

Cankerworm workshop education – kits being put together soon, booth at home tour.
Motion for Julia to spend up to \$1200 to fund the kits, etc, with the expectation that the monies will be recouped in the sale of the kits. Germaine seconds. Approved.

Reports and Issues

Student housing (Open House 09/06 at The Catholic Center; meeting with Phail Wynn on 09/10)

Repair to the gazebo

Electricity installation in The Park

- Policies for use from The Foundation
- Note about amplified sound (special permit)
- Billing for use

Salon Series sponsorship – Heather Wilson

Musician Mark Markovitz has asked that TPNA pay \$500 sponsorship for his neighborhood salon concerts. Mark has offered to play at fundraiser in the future for TPNA. Heather makes motion to approve, Jeffrey seconds, approved.

Other business

Jena Vickery stepping down from Board and Community Building in January 2013. Will have another vacancy.

Where are the leftover tee-shirts from the 2012 cleanup event? Can we order more?
Suggestion for a food drive – a street challenge with a prize?

Next meeting: October 3, 2012, 7:30 p.m.