

TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

7:30 p.m. July 2nd

George Watts Montessori Media Center

Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL: Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Deb Dobbins, Heather Wilson, John Swansey, Derek Jones, Jeff Porter, Pam Swinney, Elizabeth Parish, Paul Stinson, Janene Tompkins, Jennifer Valentyn

Absent: Jody White, John Swansey, Germaine Brewington

Neighbors present: Philip Azar, Petra Dimghaus, Deana Labriola, Chuck Newman, Gay Bonds, Rhoda Silver, Jeremy Kay, Richard Morgan, Jacqueline Morgan, David Swanson, Sally Swanson, Dale Gaddis, Tina Moon, Joe Deem, Katy Dillard, Kimberly Hernandez, Carol Anderson

BOARD MINUTES- June minutes for approval. Motion was moved by Derek Jones and seconded by Deb Dobbins. Minutes passed

* Special meeting and presentation concerning recent storms and falling trees was given by Alex Johnson (the City's Urban Forestry Manager), and Katie Rose Levin (Duke University's Natural Resources Manager). Overview of issues concerning urban trees; recommendations on processes to follow and where to find approved and up-to-date arborist that may be able to help prevent issues in the long term.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Germaine Brewington (chair person requested) emailed report Report on past Home Tour expenses and income generated. Deb Dobbins moved to accept Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by Jeff Porter.

MEMBERSHIP- Jody White (emailed report)

New members generated by signs

COMMUNICATIONS- Marc Phillips (emailed report) It included that the June newsletter had gone out. The next one is due to go out in or around September 15th. Looking for articles to submit and people to write them.

TRAFFIC- Martin Steinmeyer

URBAN PLANNING- John Swansey is current chair but because of obligations that take him frequently away from the area new members and co-chairs were added to the Urban Planning. Julia Borbley-Brown, Linda Wilson and Para Drake volunteered to co-chair the committee. Also Rick Crawford was added as a member of the committee. Resolution was made to approve the new chairs. Heather Wilson made the motion, Pam Swinney seconded and motion was passed unanimously. Welcome aboard. It was noted that the 505 Gregson St. project is now off the table and not moving forward.

TREES- Shelley Dekker

HOME TOUR- Heather Wilson reported that features on the Tour Homes will begin in August in the Herald-Sun. Also Trinity Park recently won Best Neighborhood Award. Home Tour committee is still searching for a Publicity Coordinator. Requested job description.

COMMUNITY BUILDING- Jeffrey Porter (looking for someone to help co-chair this committee) August 24th is going to be Trinity Park Night Out at the Durham Bull's. Look for information soon to reserve tickets. Also planning for Halloween will begin soon.

INC REP- Phillip Azar

SAFETY- (chairperson requested)

POPS IN THE PARK- 5/2/2015 Dan Jewell

OLD BUSINESS

Durham Rescue Mission rezoning has been eliminated for now.

Membership Signs signs were picked up and discussion about when and how to use them more effectively

Design Charrette for Foundation will be Sunday, July 20th at the Newman Center

NEW BUSINESS

Concern about aging trees and the recent impact. See special meeting *.

Janene Tompkins brought up the question about the procedure to approve things and the availability of funds outside of our monthly board meetings. Marc Philips was looking in to this for the Board.

Discussion about having a orientation for new board members to insure continuity and reduce the learning curve.

National Night out is August 5th and registration was due for that on July 7th. It was decided that there wasn't time this year to participate but that we should begin to look into early next year.

There was a brief discussion about Historic Overlay and some of the implications. It was decided that this should be examined further.

-NEXT MEETING: August meeting was changed to Wednesday, August 13th.