

TPNA Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, December 3rd
7:30 p.m.
Minutes

Roll Call: Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Deb Dobbins, Heather Wilson, Janene Tompkins, John Swansey, Jeff Porter, Pam Swinney, Elizabeth Parish.

Absent: Derek Jones, Jennifer Valentyn, Paul Stinson

Neighbors: Philip Azar, Linda Wilson, Mimi Kessler

December minutes approved: Jody White made motion, Janene Tompkins seconded. Minutes approved.

Stormwater Presentation with Q & A period. Chris Dreps of Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association and Peter Raabe of American Rivers Overview of the issues with Ellerbe Creek. How to make it a resource. Durham the largest polluter to drinking water quality in the Triangle. Integration of green infrastructure into urban landscaping that can help provide a multitude of benefits including; property values, reduction of energy use and better air quality. Adoption of programs and policies that promote green infrastructure. Ongoing commitments to innovation and responsible stewardship.

Treasurer's Report: Janene Tompkins not available with changeover in Treasurers. Germaine Brewington outgoing and Janene incoming. Jody looking into a "thank you" for Germaine for all of her hard work as our Treasurer.

House Tour: Heather Wilson, Pam Swinney, Linda Wilson, and Mimi Kessler. Thank you's to Jody for doing such a great job with recruiting volunteers, Derek for putting the brochure together and all those that volunteered their homes and their time. What to think about going forward. Begin to talk about the 2016 Home Tour with the current board so that there is continuity going forward. Success of the Festival with this year's tour, the increase in advertisers, identifying skill sets, feedback from home owners etc. Proposed that the current committee be the base for the 2016 Home Tour committee. Deb moved to approve the motion and Janene second.

Marc Phillips made a motion to have proceeds of home tour go to the TPNA Foundation. Deb moved to open for discussion, Jody second. Pam suggested that some of the funds be earmarked for the next Home Tour. Discussion about what drives the Foundation. Would we need to make changes to our Charitable Donations policy? Ensuing discussion resulted that we felt like we needed more information to move forward. A Call to question on Marc's original motion was made ending vote was 4 yes and 5 no. Discussion will continue as part of the business in the January meeting.

Membership Jody White~Membership currently at 271 households out of 1484. We gained 6 new memberships during November. Goal at 20% of households. We need 28 new memberships to reach goal.

Communications Marc Phillips December newsletter due out on Friday, 12/5. Great job by all getting the articles in and the newsletter out early.

Traffic Martin Steinmeyer

Urban Planning John Swansey Urban Planning committee meeting planned for around the 16th. Janene wondered about what happened concerning the green building on Gregson Street and what the process is for the positions the neighborhood takes. How to deal with developers in a productive way. John stated that the processes concerning neighborhood positions were well documented .

Trees Shelly Dekker

Community Building Jeffrey Porter (co-chair requested) Ongoing Luminaria preparations. This years night scheduled for 12/14 with hot chocolate and cider, food trucks, Santa's appearance and the firetruck. Help decorating the shelter etc. Luminaria's available at the Wilson's house until the day afternoonn of the event and then available at the Park. Pay at the Park with Paypal also cookbooks available, etc.

Safety (Chair Person Requested)

INC Philip Azar Neighborhood Heroes are coming up. Push to nominate from our neighborhood. All nominations should come with a brief statement of the nominees background and why they were being nominated. Due on the January 7th meeting so that we can vote on the nominees. Also a resolution to get the City to up their commitment to 15% for solar and alternate power.

Old Business

New Business By-law discussion concerning current section that deals with Executive Board terms. Proposal to change them from one year to two. Reasoning looking for continuity, changing expectation, commitment. Also more time to find new board members. Concerns about getting people to commit to two years. What is the process to change the by-laws. Full board would need to vote and vote at the annual meeting. Marc made a motion to vote and Jeff seconded. 2 opposed 8 for. Further discussion ongoing.

Ongoing agenda items: Moving monies to the Foundation. By-law discussion. Neighborhood Heros, Charitable Donations

Next meeting January 7th.

Meeting Closed at 9:50 Jody moved to close and John seconded.