

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, November 5th

7:30 p.m.

George Watts Montessori School Media Center

Minutes

Roll Call: Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Deb Dobbins, Heather Wilson, Janene Tompkins, John Swansey, Derek Jones, Pam Swinney, Jennifer Valentyn

Absent: Germaine Brewington, Paul Stinson, Elizabeth Parish, Jeff Porter

Neighbors: Philip Azar, Wendy Hillis, Jared Ambrose, Sarah Musser, Brian Harrison, and Steve Heatherington

October Minutes approval: Jody White made the motion. Marc Phillips 2nd.

Minutes approved

Special presentation by Wendy Hillis of Preservation Durham on options for Trinity Park that included a overview of requirements for Historic District Zoning Overlay. Positives and negatives that could be involved. Reasons for establishing a district. While as a neighborhood we may not feel a urgency now the potential for real issues could arise as Durham continues to re-invent itself. Opportunity to create a dialogue. Some of the economic benefits include stable home value and lower foreclosure rates.

Treasurer's Report: Germaine Brewington sent via email-

Thanks to Jody who continues to monitor our dues and who continues to get the dues to me for deposit. Thanks to each of you on the Board who continue to work with my schedule and tolerate my absences. I appreciate you for making this neighborhood great. Deb Dobbins moved to approve the report and Pam Swinney 2nd. Treasurer's report approved.

House Tour Recap- Heather Wilson and Pam Swinney Just a quick overview of the House Tour with a more in-depth report due at the December meeting. Revenue from the house tour was right at 20,000.00 with expenses running around 4,000.00 dollars netting a balance of approximately 15,806.00. Hearty round of applause for the efforts of the House Tour committee and all the participants.

Membership-Jody White-Membership is currently at 265 households in TP out of ~1484 (the Ito-Gayer house renovation took a structure with 4 apartments and renovated back to a single-family home so 3 "households" were removed from the total approximate households in TP compared to last report) , **17.8%** of households. A net gain of 13 memberships over September 2014. Goal for 2014 is again 20% of households. We need 34 new memberships to achieve goal.

Communications-Marc Phillips

Reminder that deadline for story submissions for the December TPNA newsletter are 11/28. Proposed article list.

- 2219 visits last month (up from 778)

1535 visits the weekend of the Home Tour!

- 1728 unique visitors (up from 652)
- 5524 page views (up from 1871)
- 4473 unique page views (up from 1493)
- Top targets – Home Tour / Events / Map

Twitter

- Occasional tweets of local events, retweets for local businesses

Facebook

- 434 members (up from 414)
- recent posts are mostly local event announcements **Newsletter**
- Winter Issue stories due 11/28, delivery goal is 12/15

List of articles needed, request for writer volunteers coming soon (suggestions welcome!)

Traffic

Urban Planning

Committee has been a bit dormant but getting back on track.

Trees

Community Building- Jeff Porter-(co-chair requested) date for Luminaria - Halloween Report We had a lot of fun last night at the park. Thanks to all to helped out. I think there were over 200 in the park, with lots of folks stopping by while trick or treating. About 100 participated in the costume parade. Jody had expenses and deposits for that night.

Thanks to:

Seth Gross and Melodie Pugh, for provided great prizes from Northgate Mall and Pompieri Pizza/Bull City Burgers and Brewery.

Kristen Dismukes, for storing the TPNA Halloween supplies (can you do it again this year?)

Bob Appleby, for the use of his sound system to entertain the crowd

Deb Dobbins, Jena Vickery, and Sarah Musser, for helping to decorate the gazebo and park

Laura Richman and Marcie Porter, for helping to distribute raffle tickets and glow necklaces, and operate the fog machine at the park

We made \$68 selling our TPNA Halloween Bags (from our original order of bags in 2011) Next slate of business was Luminaria. Annie Ambrose and Linda Wilson

will be heading the efforts. The date of December 14th is set for TPNA Luminaria with December 21st as the rain date. Heather Wilson moved to approve the date with Derek Jones 2nd. Approved. Since the TPNA newsletter goes out after the date we will inform TPNA neighbors through emails etc.

Safety-(Chair person requested)

INC Rep-Philip Azar

Gearing up for Neighborhood Hero's Awards nominations. January 15th is the date for nominations. Requirements for those nominations will go out for consideration. Quality of life around fraternity houses has been under discussion at INC.

Old Business- Charitable donations addendum discussion: Expanding and clarifying charitable donations policies. John Swansey moves to accept modifications. Jody White 2nd. Motion to make agreed upon changes passes.

New Business- Charitable donation request by John Swansey for Salon Series with a funding of 500.00. John as VP of Salon Series abstained from voting. Jody White moved to approve the request with Pam Swinney 2nd. Donation was approved. **Bylaw discussion by Marc Philips;** tabled until December meeting **Invitation to Marriage Equality Celebration at Watts St. Baptist Church Janene Tompkins on November 21st from 7-9 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Formal invitation to the board to attend. reque**

Request from members of Watts Montessori School for Leo's Memorial Fund; A proposal for a 4,000.00 donation for rehab of playground as part of the ongoing project. Jody White made a motion to up our set aside monies to include the amount of the request. A motion was made to open up debate by Janene Tompkins with a second by Jennifer Valentyn. After concerns and discussion Janene recommended that we disperse the rest of this years Charitable Donation funds, 2750.00 to the project. Marc Philips made a friendly amendment to revise the amount to 2750.00 to be earmarked for the playground equipment in honor of Leo. Don Ball made the motion unanimous approval.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 7:30

Meeting adjourned at 9:48