

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
George Watts Montessori School Media Center
Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Derek Jones, Elizabeth Parish, Paul Stinson, Steve Falzarrano

Absent: John Swansey, Jennier Valentyn, Deb Dobbins, Janene Tompkins, Jeff Porter, Pam Swinney,

Neighbors: Philip Azar, Kristin Dismukes, Brian Harrison, Rob VanDewosestine, Kevin Morgan

Only 7 members were present so a quorum was not met for an official meeting.

Rob VanDewosestine from Trinity Presbyterian Church presented his offer to help TPNA with events by recruiting volunteers from their membership and offering a location for TPNA events.

Brian Harrison, owner of 1116 + 1118 Buchanan, asked TPNA to provide support to either upgrade or downgrade zoning on these 2 lots. Currently it is zoned half residential and half commercial. Board members present guided Brian to contact the Urban Planning Committee for further help. Paul Stinson advised Brian to consult with both commercial and residential realtors.

Kevin Morgan of 1003 Monmouth Ave wants to ask board to facilitate a discussion between Google Fiber and Trinity Park. He is asking TPNA to widely publicize this opportunity. Philip Azar and Don Ball asked Kevin to consider forming a committee on this subject and Marc Phillips seconds this suggestion as a way to provide more information to the neighborhood. Kristin Dismukes came to meeting to also find out more about Google Fiber and was interested in the formation of a Google Fiber committee. Philip Azar asked that if committee does form that they work to prepare a formal request of some sort for the board to consider.

Membership Committee update: Jody plans to bring list of lapsed TPNA members for board members to choose 10-15 neighbors to personally contact and ask them to renew.

Communication Committee update: Marc stated newsletter is almost ready to go. He will check with Spee Dee Que to make sure TPNA has paid all previous invoices.

INC update: Philip brought issue to board of equal access to legislative zoning process. There is a proposed re-write of the city/county zoning statute that will change zoning process from legislative to property owner right. Philip is asking that TPNA make a stand against the proposed language change. Paul asked if proposed change is predictive of other legislation coming soon. Philip did not get the sense

that it was. There is a sense of urgency to address this proposed change but no known deadline.

Safety Committee update: Steve Falzarrano want to increase neighborhood communications. Asking board for ideas. He and Marc will work together. Some conversation about TPNA funding of block parties.

UPC committee update: Derek Jones researched accessory dwelling rules and found that the state of NC told the city of Durham that it couldn't dictate or enforce the rule that an owner had to live in their home.

Egg Hunt update: Deb Dobbins, David Atwater, Emily Daly, and Alpha Phi are working to organize event.

Home Tour wrap up: Don stated that wrapping up home tour financials and report is progressing

Nominating Committee: Linda Wilson will meet with nominating committee to propose new slate of directors for 2015.

Respectfully submitted: Jody White