

TPNA Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 4th
7:30 p.m.
George Watts Montessori School

Roll Call~ Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Janene Tompkins, Deb Dobbins, Derek Jones, Jennifer Valentyn, Stever Falzarano, Kevin Davis, Joan Austin, Paul Stinson

Absent~ Elizabeth Parish, Ted Snyderman, Pam Swinney

Neighbors~ Philip Azar

Approval of October minutes

Treasurer's Report~ Janene Tompkins.. Halloween expenses yet to be submitted. Paypal deposit of 62.51. Newsletter and membership numbers to date are off. Should we look at ad increases? Reminder that we aren't a fundraising organization. Goal for 2016 remains revenue neutral and our budgets and figures for the past 3 years seems to bear this out.

Membership~Paul Stinson..Currently we have approximately 268 members. We lost 42. We currently have about 17% market share.

Communications~ Marc Phillips...Uptick in traffic in October with neighbors looking for details about Halloween events. Newsletter in progress (articles due 11/28 for 12/15 delivery). Jessica Tilley will be taking over from Doreen the coordinating of newsletter delivery. Discussion on the merits of changing delivery from door to door and postal. Kevin Davis pointed out that it was difficult to maintain the addresses and the cost. Mike Driver of Spee Dee Que passed away. Debbie to send condolence card from TPNA. Amanda Snyderman suggested a Spanish version of our Newsletter. More discussion in December. Perhaps invite Amanda to talk more about it.

Traffic~ Martin Steinmeyer...Still looking for new Traffic chair.

Community Building~Jody White...Halloween recap to be continued to December meeting. Luminaria and who will be in charge and benefit from funds raised. Two people stepped up from the community to organize and run Luminaria. Discussion of the pros and cons of both groups. Steve Falzarano moved to extend the offer to Rebecca Daniels and the Girl Scouts. Joan Austin second. Unanimously approved. Discussion on whether to hold Luminaria on the 13th or the 20th of December. Last year a earlier date was selected in part because of limitations of organizer to be available for later date. What other neighborhoods do was taken into consideration and the formula for arriving at their dates. A date of Sunday, December 20th was selected this year.

Urban Planning~ Derek Jones...There has been a clean-up and a concerted effort to improve the landscaping at the corner of Lamond and Watts by the Marriott Residence Inn. Kevin Davis has drafted a letter to Marvin Williams from the City about the condition of the street surface on Lamond. There is a rezoning request for the area at Duke and Club for the potential of a Pocket Neighborhood. Hearing on November 10th. Derek Jones will try to attend. Joan Austin will talk to Philip Azar about more information.

Safety~ Steve Falzarano..concerns about the amount of people and traffic during Halloween and how best to address this. Revisit this in August prior to Halloween 2016. Article about safety during the Holidays.

Trees~ Shelly Dekker

INC~Philip Azar

Old Business~ Home Tour Dates. Hope to have more information to discuss in either December or January.

New Business~ December meeting date. Suggested to move the date from December 2nd to the 9th. Jody White moved to change the date. Steve Falazarano second. Unanimous. Neighborhood Contributions discussion. It was decided to move discussion of Neighborhood Contributions to December meeting when we had a better picture of what our revenues are for awarding. Our points for discussion: 1) Our requests 2) Amounts to be given. Discussion about our finances, our purpose.

Annual Meeting Date and Meeting: Special meeting recommendation to move meeting from the

Spring to January. Discussion about the merits of moving the Annual meeting and what the purpose is. Primary purpose is to have more people attend and therefore be involved in the Neighborhood. When to have annual meeting whether a weeknight or on the usual Sunday. Discussion about merits of both. Vote taken concerning this.

Weeknight won the vote. Proposed dates for our January meeting and Annual meeting. It was decided to keep our regular monthly meeting date of January 6th and to hold the annual meeting on Wednesday, January 27th. Jody White moved to vote on this date and Steve Falzarano seconded. Unanimous. Agenda for Annual Meeting. Discussion of possible agenda items: Award Neighborhood Contributions, topics of interest to the Neighborhood including having a Architectural Historian, Historic Plaques. Possibility of having John Schlep or Jim Wise speak at meeting. Vote on slate of officers for new terms. We need to promote schedule of events to encourage attendance. Focus needs to be on on continuity and transition moving forward. Record keeping clarity.

Encouragement.

Jody brought up Durham County Matching Grants which are due November 13th. Open Spaces Grant. Perhaps focusing on Markham median. Paul made recommendation about sustainability, joint tandem donation and making one ask.

We will vote on slate of new officers at the December 9th meeting.

Our next monthly meeting is February 3rd, but it was proposed to make this a Board Retreat to welcome new board members and to familiarize them with the by-laws and what is on the table.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 9th

Meeting Adjourned