

TPNA Board April 2016 Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, April 6th
George Watts Montessori School Media Center
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call~ Don Ball, Andrew Stark, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Ted Snyderman, Elizabeth Parish,
Jennifer Valentyn, Paul Stinson, Steve Falzarano, Kevin Davis, Joan Austin, Philip Azar, Diane Amato

Absent~ Anne Stoddard

Neighbors~ Paul Cardile, Mimi Kessler

Begun: 7:02p

Approval of March meeting minutes - Steve/Ted, All Aye

Community Building (Jody W.)

TPNA Egg Hunt 2016

All went well. Hoping to get links soon from photographer. People seemed generally happy with the number of eggs...etc. Thanks to all the many who assisted with egg stuffing. A thank you box to those who assisted to be added in next newsletter, space permitting. This could be a practice going forward? Possible improvements: Toddler section was a bit too small this year and a PA system might have helped a bit.

Thanks to Paul Stinson for hosting the egg stuffing sessions.

Pops in the Park: Ellen Dagenhart to sponsor. Jody has contacted symphony and it is setup. May 7th from 5-6pm is planned.

Needs: Coordinate chair setup, breakdown. Publicity needed.

National Night Out (Steve F.): We are registered with the city. Need to get permit (as from Halloween). Planned for August 2nd. Firetruck? Steve will write up for next newsletter. Dessert focused, make your own sundae kind of thing, cotton candy machine (maybe). Tables will be rented. Try to get some food donations. National Night Out is basically replacing a July 4th event.

2016 Home Tour planning and preparation (Mimi Kessler):

Laura Wessel has joined as photographer. A whole talented team is coming together. There will be a volunteer party...etc. Current commitments from 5 homes. Aiming for 8 homes. Theme: A place for everyone. Includes one apartment and trying to have a Condo on the tour as well. Still looking for smaller houses to add as well. Tour from Gloria up to Norton. There will be rickshaw/transports available for people. Music at the festival and children's performance is being considered. Gergen's home is being considered. What about a fancy garage apartment? (Kevin) Everyone liked the idea. Lots of discussion of many other possible homes/new apartments...etc.

Discussion of funding proposal for Trinity Park Foundation (Don):

Julia B-B sent TPF update. Michael Waller sculpture is being moved from Austin home to Markham median/intersection. Frances Vega sign is to move into Markham median. Seeking to get work done on Trinity median. Can there be a park cleanup, prior to the Pops in the Park concert? Many willing to assist if it is just about garbage pick-up (but not planting!). Mark and Philip specifically offered. DSA/Octagon club are interested in assisting with pre-Home Tour neighborhood clean-up...etc.

Don presented 5 year budget of TPF.

2012 - power was setup in park, park sign roof, gazebo rafters, mulching

2013 - Trees initiative

2014 - Little Free Library, 3 Circles, Trees Initiative

2015 - Trees Initiative, benches, park fence/gate, Leo sign, other TP enhancements

2016 - many TP enhancements (Dragonfly walkway), Al Frega sculpture, Joan Austin sculpture, History Grove, Rain gardening, Markham median enhancements, Trees Initiative. Expenses planned: \$23,120

2017 - Completion of Al Frega payments, Trees Initiative (ongoing \$1k),

2018 - Trinity median enhancements and art sign

Ongoing maintenance cost for Mulching, Little Free Library, Cankerworm initiatives, Trinity Park upkeep, Medians and 3 Circles Mowing and Tree Watering (perhaps TROSA?)

Estimated \$12k proceeds from Home Tour. Pauli Murray funding could go there (\$26k) and an estimated \$2k per year in individual donations.

Priorities are allowed to change yearly.

Per Phillip, should there be an RFP for artists rather than only using formerly used artists. Also, are we paying for things that the city should be doing, enabling the city to ignore some of our needs (simply because we have the means)? In response, the foundation would love more ideas to get the city more involved in neighborhood maintenance,

Other points made: Should there be a neighborhood meeting and discussion, specific to this large capital donation, because this is such a large expenditure. In terms of public art, nearby homes should have an opportunity to review design and offer thoughts/approval?

TPNA has sat on this money for nearly a decade for the Foundation so it makes sense to transfer it now.

TPF would love to have more input from the community on TPF committees. Art committee is Julia, Deb, Shelly, Don.

To free up this money would involve breaking up the Pauli Murray CDs (\$26,181.84)

Motion to discuss (Marc/Steve) approved

Hope is that having these capital expenditures will drive community interest in TPF and community upkeep in general.

All in favor of making full donation to the Trinity Park Foundation, approved.

It's a nice reward to Julia Borbely-Brown that she now have the opportunity to make larger projects happen.

Andrew and Julia will work on how to best break the CDs, no big rush.

Philip would like to be present for giving donation to Pauli Murray.

Other Committee reports:

Treasurer~ Andrew Stark

Still awaiting some Easter expenses. \$50 in membership fees, Gross cashflow was \$143.72. Easter Egg hunt was under budget. \$250 in newsletter ads. We still need to assign a budget for the home tour. Mimi and HT committee should meet with Don and Andrew so that recommendation of budget can be made to the board.

Approve Financials: Kevin/Elizabeth, all Aye

Membership~ Paul Stinson

Credit payment system is now up and working. The foundation does not have a credit method up until now, so this system will benefit both organizations. Foundation will send out tax deduction letters for donations there. There will be online option to donate.

Communications~ Marc Phillips

Newsletter went out. 50 fewer issues this time, and it seemed to work out fine. First time fully managed by Jessica and it went well. For next issue, articles due at end of May for Mid-June publishing. Increased website traffic, particularly related to looking for egg hunt information.

Traffic~ Anne Stoddard/Ted Snyderman

Shared info. Definite interest in what plan and timelines are going forward. Lamond and Gregson pole was removed, that one of the flag boxes was attached to.

DDF Stormwater - Kevin Davis and Paul Cardile

Change of Committee name to South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands (SECW)

Don and Paul C. went on Duke Stormwater tour (\$4 million for amenities alone)

SECW Plan is to demolish DDFC and put in large wetlands basin on most of available plain there.

Currently conducting feasibility studies. A water course will meander through the wetlands area. Benches, specialized plantings in the medium term.

Budget is currently \$8 million, with funding sources still being determined.

What are the strategies to make sure that the city does come back around to complete the related amenities? (Kevin)

The wetlands will also be an educational/research resource in the area. If concerned about mosquitos, it will be moving water.

There was no talk of revisiting the flood plain lines, per Paul C. A redraw sometimes helps move areas of the neighborhood out of flood plain territory.

Urban Planning~ Derek Jones

No report

Safety~ Steve Falzarano

Mostly crimes of opportunity in the area. Leaving expensive items outside, particularly in the Summer can breed opportunity.

INC~ Philip Azar

No report

Next meeting on May 4th . Snacks by (whomever agreed at Retreat)

Meeting adjournment (8:32p) Don/Kevin