

TPNA Board May 2016 Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, May 4th
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, Steve Falzarano, Kevin Davis, Joan Austin, Philip Azar, Anne Stoddard, Diane Amato
Absent~Paul Stinson
Neighbors~ Mr. Joan Austin (Watts), Aaron Lubeck (Lamond), John Hagan (Demerius)

Open at 7:02pm

Review of April Minutes - No edits - Andrew/Steve All Aye

Aaron Lubeck presentation regarding Bike Boulevards in Durham/Trinity Park -
Brief History of how Durham Bike Boulevards presented. Feedback from other communities has been positive, in general. Aaron is seeking the support of the Board when presenting the proposal to the City of Durham.

Question: Is the D/CH Blvd thing a Bike Boulevard? No, That's a road diet.

Broad/Markham/Mangum...etc. had been selected for Bike lanes. Bike Boulevard plan would instead put the bike boulevards 1 block off the major thoroughfare. Facts: Currently 1% of Durham bikes to work. Madison 5-10% (a similar style/size of community). This cannot be led by the spandex-clad but rather the more casual bikers. But...25-50% of the population already owns a bike. These are the people that need to get engaged.

First goals:

1. Signage - noting the location as a bike boulevard
2. Diversion of Traffic

Aaron is placing the Portland Principles onto Durham.

Everyone should be able to access their homes easily. Bikes should be able to move comfortably and safely throughout the zone. Cars cannot be allowed to frequently cut across the boulevard.

Current concern: Main Street already beginning to back up and people may begin cutting through TP to avoid lights...etc.

Portland offers more than 50 different potential treatments. Stop signs could be added and removed at various intersections. Does the southern end of Watts become 2-way?

Mark Aaronson (sic?) has retired. No.1 and No.2 in Durham regarding traffic...etc. have recently left. Is local corporate sponsorship a possibility? Durham may be a pilot for the State and TP may be a pilot neighborhood. Aaron estimates \$30k in signage to get started.

Don: We are not going to decide specifics but is TPNA willing to generally support the potential of a Bike Boulevard on Watts?

Aaron says that response has been overwhelmingly positive when he has discussed with neighborhood residents recently (100 to 1?)

Jody/Ted propose - Letter of support by Aaron to encourage that further discussion should be taking place in the city. We believe that it is a good idea in concept, but not supporting a specific design at this time.

Continued concerns were stated about the specific design as presented (Joan-blocking at Trinity) A community assessment will need to happen.

All eye to the motion for Aaron to draft a letter to the City.

Per Aaron, please see Durham Bicycle Boulevards on Facebook - presenting case studies from other cities...etc.

Committees:

Treasurer's Report ~ Andrew Stark

Easter Egg hunt expenses have cleared, except photography. Jody-would like to have specific pictures selected. Jody will select. Month end balance: \$7886.39

Membership ~ Paul Stinson - No Report

Communications ~ Marc Phillips - Articles due by end of May for the June issue of the newsletter. Marc presented list of planned articles. Hodges-Kopple farm (Green/Watts), National Night Out, Trees, Pauli Murray CD severance/money transfer to TPF (Don/Julia), Jody/can we put in an Easter Egg to see how many people actually read the articles? Raffle for gift certificates? Dan Jewel needs to send out invoices for Ad revenue, which is lagging at this moment behind what is pledged.

New credit card processor is not as easy to use as was hoped. Marc has had to write some code to get it to work properly. Upay system (to replace PayPal) still needs a final testing by Marc/Paul.

Community Building ~ Jody White (Pops in the Park final preparations)

Pops in the Park this Saturday (May 7th) from 5-6pm. Facebook and Twitter done. Mark will post to Listserve as well. We need a key to get into the gym, and Don knows how to override the alarm system. Done.

National Night Out is next.

Traffic ~ Anne Stoddard/Ted Snyderman

Anne spoke with Willie Glenn at the police dept. (re:Lamond/Gregson intersection) We have not received response.

Reached out for Pedestrian Safety on Gregson...etc. and will follow-up with Stewart Engineering/Design.

Urban Planning ~ Derek Jones - No report

Safety ~ Steve Falzarano - Finally got response from Willie Glenn and a website for sign-up should be available as soon as next week. Steve will follow-up with other committee members.

INC ~ Philip Azar

Pocket neighborhoods is a point of discussion. Does increased density support increased affordability?

Related: There is some concern that Trinity Park is receiving so many trees in relation to other neighborhoods. Can we support trees being added in Walltown, as one example? 150 trees hopefully going into Walltown.

Home Tour ~ Diane Amato - Still looking for a couple of houses. Already have a nice, wide variety of homes. Working with Linda Wilson and Ron Gallagher on advertising the event. One home may be in Trinity Heights. Is that ok with TPNA? Also, is it ok with Trinity Park Heights Neighborhood Association. Would like to sell tickets online. Eventbrite has worked well before. October 16th, 11 am to 5pm. Food trucks...etc.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Kevin Davis and Paul Cardile - No report

Old Business ~

New Business ~ New tagline for TrinityPark.org? (Marc) "Trinity Park - One of the Oldest Neighborhoods in the City. Tagline contest in the next newsletter. "Home of the 2nd best Board snacks in Durham."

Frontier Internet discussion - John Hagan - Do you get what you pay for when you get high speed internet?

Internet quality can vary dramatically based on where/what one is specifically linked to.

In the past, AT&T offered to put in High Speed internet in neighborhood if we had a

Kevin uses Earthlink through Time Warner. Hope that we get Google Fiber soon. Time Warner has really upped their game (and speeds) due to fear of Google Fiber.

Frustrations continue with quality of Frontier.

Lion King at EK Powe is upcoming, and tickets are being offered. May 12th and 13th @ 6:30pm

Next Meeting, Wednesday June 1st at 7pm.

Month of July will be off. Then August 3rd.

Meeting adjournment Don/Steve 8:46pm