

December 2016 TPNA Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 7th at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Don Ball, Andrew Stark, Marc Phillips, Ted Snyderman, Elizabeth Parish, Steve Falzarano, Kevin Davis, Philip Azar, Anne Stoddard, Diane Amato
Absent ~ Jody White, Joan Austin, Jennifer Valentyn, Paul Stinson
Neighbors ~ Mimi Kessler (Woodland), Andrew Phillips (901 N Buchanan), Can Dickerson (1313 N. Gregson)

Call to order at 7:02

Don Ball Introduction

Review of November Meeting Minutes – (Anne – All Aye, passed)

Discussion of Upcoming Board Positions/Candidates?

Seeking a willing Santa

Presentations: Home Tour summary report provided by Mimi. Mimi especially noted that Diane did an especially good job with promotion, flyering CH, tabling at Farmer's Market and mailing notices all of which seemed worthwhile. Recommendation: The Treasurer should oversee all the money aspects (Andrew did a great job this time.). The head of the tour should be an active Board Member. The Tour Date should be set close to or more than a year in advance, by the Board.

There are some remaining durable goods to be maintained until the next tour. Paul may be willing to do this. Houses should be chosen close to a year in advance. 8 is a good number of homes. A Homeowners Tour ahead of time ended up being a great experience and was very useful in the preparations for day of as well. Printing tickets was not so helpful, as opposed to using the guides themselves as tickets. {Round of applause from the Board} Only snafu was that Ice Cream truck left early as they were unhappy with their placement at Watts/Green. Many were hoping to get Ice Cream in the latter part of the day, so this was a minor disappointment. Perhaps better communication next time with each vendor.

Committees:

Treasurer' s Report ~ Andrew Stark

Andrew is not an accountant but has gotten everything within a dollar regarding the home tour. \$215 in new membership dues. An additional \$2300 in advertisement came in late. Symphony check and Mailman plaque were paid during this month. \$30 check fees continue and still should be explained by Paul. Some ad payments have not been completed (Northgate) and will be discussed by Don and Andrew after meeting. Goal is to resolve all by end of Calendar year. Don asked that all consider what changes, particularly regarding community events, might be made for next year's budget. And if money would be well spent in terms of community engagement, propose your ideas.

Per Marc, some of the crossing flags disappeared after Halloween, but we're generally on budget.

Re: Home Tour, outstanding are Northgate and Acanthus which should hopefully be received by end of year. \$10,300 in ads. \$9161.94 in Home Tour tickets and \$200 for Wine raffle. Total revenue is \$19661.94. \$600 still to be collected. \$4592.81 in expenses meaning a current 15,069.13 net for the home tour.

Membership ~ Paul Stinson – Absent—1 five year membership in past month.

Communications ~ Marc Phillips (Winter Newsletter update) Day before the HomeTour was the heaviest web traffic that we have ever received. Newsletter is being wrapped up. All the stories ended up on the short side, but we're making it work. We are on track to complete in time.

Community Building ~ Jody White (Luminaria update) Same Girl Scout troop will be represented at Luminaria. Ellen Dagenhart will be a primary sponsor of the Symphony in the Park again. Any other ideas of a different cultural event that could alternate with the symphony for sake of diversity? Dance in the Park in association with ADF? In the past we have also supported the Trinity Park Salon Series.

Traffic ~ Anne Stoddard/Ted Snyderman (Update on recent meeting with City)
Kevin Davis shared that Phil Loziuk is a big fan of the neckdown's and may have ignored some of the other ideas that came from the work with Stewart. At least 6 neckdown's are being planned. Anne and Ted traffic meeting notes are at end of Meeting Minutes.

Urban Planning ~ Derek Jones –Absent—Did anyone speak with Derek about the Solis development by Brightleaf/Funeral Home? To be 7 stories. Per Diane, there has been some interaction regarding the project with Preservation Durham.

Safety ~ Steve Falzarano
National Night Out is next specific safety related event.

INC ~ Philip Azar
Phil checked with Derek about the Main Street Solis development. Derek has inquired that presentation be made by developer, potentially at January 25th Board Meeting/Vote...etc.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Kevin Davis and Paul Cardile
No report. No updates from the city this month. Kevin needs a new co-chair from the board to be on this committee.

Old Business ~ Nominations pending for new Board officers
Slate will be presented during January regular Board Meeting then vote will occur during special January 25th. 1 more open slot, a one year term, has opened this evening as Elizabeth Parish is stepping down. Phil offers to act as Ad Liaison or find someone to take the role. One more name is now needed to reach out to. Eric Landfried? Harry Lewis? Susie Post-Rust? Diane

has offered to do Membership. Steve has agreed to be Community Building Chair. A Santa is still needed. Andrew Philips is willing to take on the Secretary position.

Re: Luminaria, set it up more like 10 bags for \$10.

New Business ~

Meeting adjournment – 8:28p All aye

Meeting Minutes – TPNA Traffic Update
Durham Transportation Department
November 30th at 4:45pm

Attendees:

Phil Loziuk (Traffic Operations)

Bill Judge (Transportation Planner)

Bryan Poole (Bike/Ped Planner)

Ted Snyderman, TPNA

Anne Stoddard, TPNA

Agenda:

East End Connector update

Planning for Duke/Gregson Streets

Bicycle and Pedestrian projects in Trinity Park

-General

-“Neck-downs” on Duke and Gregson

The East End Connector is on track to be open to traffic in July 2019 and fully completed in January 2020. At this point, while the trend in transportation planning is to take one-way paired streets back to two-way streets, there is no planning in place for either Duke-Gregson or Mangum-Roxboro Streets.

- There is a CIP request being submitted with the current budget for a feasibility study for the two-way switch, but all staff seemed to feel that this may not be a budget priority in the end.
- A part of this concern was the lack of State funding for projects that may decrease capacity on roads and therefore scores low in the State system.
- We will follow up with both a letter and input at public meetings to encourage.
- The primary obstacles identified by staff were the freeway interchanges at 85 (and 147 to a lesser extent) that are currently set up for the one-way pattern and would be really expensive to change.
- Staff provided a 2015 map of traffic volumes (where available) and Duke/Gregson carry average daily trips of 12,000 cars. Staff said that peak hour trips are about 10% of that.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning

See www.durhambikewalkplan.com

Earlier this year, the staff assembled a list of about 1,000 sidewalk and bike projects around the city and are now in a prioritization process. They are trying to reduce this list to about 75 constructible projects, with about 25 each (sidewalk, pedestrian, bike) in “buildable corridors,” bridging gaps and creating safer intersections. Some of the projects on the big list in Trinity Park include:

- Sidewalks on Green and Knox Streets;
- Sidewalks around the outside of East Campus;

- A mid-block pedestrian signal on Club near Watts to assist with bus riders getting to the mall.
- Improved integration of bike riders on neighborhood streets, including the Watts bike corridor that we heard the presentation about.

Ted and I will be on the email list for upcoming meetings on this planning process. Mr. Poole said that they were hoping to release this list of 75 or 100 during the 1st quarter of 2017.

Neckdowns on Duke and Gregson

In Spring 2017, the City is planning to start installing the “neckdowns” for which planning began in 2002 (based on a traffic study that Kevin Davis gave us). Note that the city is waiting for final NCDOT approval, so there’s an important open item. Phil Loziuk is going to send us the details, but based on his recollection, there are five intersections on Duke and seven on Gregson. This is purely a pedestrian safety project, since these enlarged sidewalk areas get the pedestrian a shorter distance to cross (two lanes vs. three) and greater visibility.

We will share the specifics when he sends them to us.