

April 2017 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 5 at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Don Ball, Matthew Yearout, Marc Phillips, Steve Falzarano, Ted Snyderman, Andrew Phillips, Anne Stoddard; Andrew Stark, Diane Amato

Absent ~ Phil Azar, Ilene Hadler; Sharon Coors-Barry; Can Dickerson; Joan Austin.

Neighbors ~ Milton Gilder (1026 Gloria)

Call to order ~ 7:09

Introduction ~ Marc Phillips

Review of March Meeting Minutes

-With minor amendments, minutes are approved unanimously.

Committees:

Treasurer's Report ~ Andrew Stark

\$615 in membership dues collected in March; newsletter costs paid. Diane is updating new members in the database. PO box fee paid. Still waiting for access to the credit card processing bank account. Andrew S. will make changes to spreadsheet to show monthly totals. Should have information next month about income from advertising in the newsletter.

Membership ~ Diane Amato

Sent emails and snail mail to neighbors whose membership in TPNA expired in 2016 and those whose membership will expire through April of 2017. Almost \$1000 in new membership fees collected in last two months. Next month will work on folks expiring in May and June. Using TPNA Gmail account for this communication. Diane requested \$48 for stamps for snail mail reach out; this was approved. Diane will continue to work on folks whose membership lapsed in 2015 and 2014. Most folks who renewed opted for the \$50, 5-year option. Steve suggests advertising on the listserv and perhaps reaching out to renters. Several people have requested that Diane check their status. Many words of affirmation for Diane's strong effort.

Communications ~ Matthew Yearout

Newsletter will be coming up in a few months. Marc added Easter Egg Hunt to website. Marc has been in contact with a neighbor potentially interested in taking over the site; will report back next meeting.

Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

Pops in the Park—Steve is having trouble getting confirmation on some details of the concert. Need to confirm times, ordering chairs (using last year's vendor). Rental company delivers and pickups the chairs the same day. Steve will also take care of advertising in the neighborhood. Marc questions: do we have the gym reserved in case it rains? Steve will check with Jody about details from last year. Orchestra handles closing off the street.

Easter Egg Hunt—Going well. Eggs are largely stuffed; 1,300 eggs already stuffed. Several hundred more to be stuffed. Working on getting things done earlier. Volunteers can arrive at 8am the morning of the event to help hide eggs. Hunt itself begins at 10:15. Alpha Phi sorority is a partner again this year. There will be a raffle this year run by Alpha Phi; proceeds to Duke Children's Hospital. The sorority handles the money; TPNA doesn't touch the funds. 40-60 golden tickets. Easter Bunny costume and volunteer bunny provided by Alpha Phi. Biggest need is for volunteers for the day of the event.

Question raised: do we have contact information for other neighborhood associations? And how do we decide when and how to invite other neighborhoods to our events? Question is focused on invitations to the Easter Egg Hunt, but encompasses other events as well. Discussion follows. Don talks about our focus as TPNA; are the neighborhoods that border ours the ones where we focus on building relationships with? General agreement from board members; this is part of what it means to be a good neighbor to our bordering neighborhoods. The Easter Egg Hunt is intended to be an event people walk to; we want to prevent this becoming an event people drive to, since that will get us push back eventually.

Traffic ~ Anne Stoddard/Ted Snyderman

Ted presents summary of the newly released Durham Bike/Walk Implementation Plan. Several proposed change impact Trinity Park and our surrounding streets; includes 25 sidewalk gap projects. Ted has been in contact with Brian Poole about updating the bike/walk map. Ann suggests posting the Bike/Walk Implementation Plan to the TPNA website; board in agreement. Either Ted or Ann will attend the public comment meeting.

Urban Planning ~ Derek Jones

-Typically joins us when he has something to report. No report.

Safety ~ Steve Falzarano

-National Night out on the radar for August.

INC ~ Philip Azar

No report at this time.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Matthew Yearout

No report at this time.

Old Business ~

Vacancies for safety chair, 2018 Home tour; WordPress admin

Marc—listserv request made. Just one tentative response to WordPress admin.

Home tour is the biggest need. Ann—how should we be recruiting? Don—do we have a volunteer list from Home Tour? Andrew has some names; Jody has a list of all the volunteers. Don—suggests we have the list next meeting and each choose 2-3 people to reach out to. Diane will reach out to Jody for the list for May's meeting.

New Business ~

Snacks will be added to future agendas.

Meeting adjournment—7:55.