

March 2017 TPNA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm  
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Don Ball, Matthew Yearout, Marc Phillips, Steve Falzarano, Ted Snyderman, Can Dickerson, Andrew Phillips, Ilene Hadler, Anne Stoddard; Joan Austin; Andrew Stark, Diane Amato

Absent ~ Sharon Coors-Barry; Phil Azar

Neighbors ~ Milton Gilder (1026 Gloria)

Call to order ~ 7:01

Marc Phillips Introduction

-A reminder for Board members to update contact information; make sure emails on the TPNA Board Listserv are read promptly.

Review of January Meeting Minutes

-General summary of discussion all that is necessary for future minutes.

-Motion to approve minutes made, seconded, approved unanimously.

Committees:

Treasurer's Report ~ Andrew Stark (given by Don Ball in Andrew's absence)

-Credit card cancelation was submitted, should be processed soon. Food at annual meeting and board retreat praised and heartily agreed upon.

-Don confirmed a check was written by Northgate for an outstanding bill.

-Diane raised a question about the exact amount received in membership fees. She will reconcile this figure with Andrew and make necessary changes.

Membership ~ Diane Amato

-Proposal to continue with the plan implemented by Jody and Paul in previous years.

Discussion of spending money on stamps to mail letters to 100 homeowners in the neighborhood. Since there is \$50 in the budget for postage, Diane will begin this process. Diane clarifies that the first to be approached are those whose memberships will expire very soon. Ilene suggests adding TPNA information to the Welcome Wagon (discussed more below).

Communications ~ Chair Vacant (Marc Phillips gives reports)

-Still need more stories for next newsletter. Steve will provide blurbs for Easter Egg Hunt and Pops in the Park. Ann will send supplemental art for her story about the Center for Women and Ministry in the South, as part of her ongoing series on neighborhood non-profits. Can asks if photos are needed; they are welcome! Can will retrieve photos as needed. Other updates include bike boulevard information and tree planting and pruning. Ilene is working on featured neighbor profile. After discussion of the role of newsletter coordinator, Matthew agreed to take the position. In addition, Marc updated plugins on website today.

#### Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

-Easter Egg Hunt coming up in April 16. Question raised about inclement weather location? Suggestions included library or gym at Watts Elementary. Consensus was that event continue rain or shine. Steve will coordinate egg stuffing. Folks are asked to return the eggs to be reused year after year. Gazebo is already reserved for this year.

-Pops in the Park coming up on May 6.

-National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday August 1.

Ilene offers a friend who has a mobile glass blowing demonstration, and suggests a Moth-style story slam. Other discussion includes purpose of the event, food offered, and activities for kids. Steve will solicit more ideas.

#### Traffic ~ Anne Stoddard/Ted Snyderman

No updates at this time.

#### Urban Planning ~ Derek Jones

Recap of Solis presentation which was information only; the company doesn't need to solicit feedback. Construction begins this summer.

#### Safety ~ Steve Falzarano

No updates at this time.

#### INC ~ Philip Azar

No updates at this time.

#### South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Matthew Yearout and Paul Cardile

-Matthew reached out to City of Durham and confirmed that the neighborhood will get a chance to give input after the design stage.

#### Old Business ~ Vacancies for chairs of safety committee and 2018 Home tour

Marc will make a listserv request for someone to take over Wordpress administration of the TPNA website. Steve confirms we still need a safety chair. Steve will send description to Ted for the newsletter. Ted will run these blurbs in the newsletter. Steve suggests co-chairs; consensus is that co-chairs have worked well in the past.

New Business ~

Ilene

-Jody White and Ilene attended training for National Business Corps. 9-10 week on non-profit board members: fundraising, communications, etc. Our \$250 refundable deposits gets us 3 people to attend meetings. Discussion of logistics and availability of other TPNA Board members to attend. We also get 4-5 hours of free consultation with experts. Diane will send topics and schedule to the listserv.

-Welcome Baskets. Proposal is that they include welcome materials, Durham Magazine, donated items from local stores. Ilene hopes to connect with relators so that when someone moves in, Board members will greet the folks who moved in. Agreement that we need information about how many homes were bought and sold in Trinity Park in previous years. Referred to membership committee.

Don brings up snack sign up list; new volunteers solicited.

Each board member agrees to assist with particular events. Discussion of events and sign-up sheet passed around.

Milton agrees to think about assisting with WordPress.

Meeting adjournment 8:03 pm.