

June 2018 TPNA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, June 6 at 7pm  
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Waugh Wright, Matthew Yearout, Don Ball, Stacy Murphy, Adam McLellan, Diane Amato, Ilene Hadler, Steve Fazarano, Marc Phillips, Ted Snyderman, Katy Dillard, Phillip Azar, [Paul Cardille, Jody White]

Absent ~ Mari Mansfield

Call to order ~

Marc Phillips Introduction

Review of May Meeting Minutes

-voted on and approved

Committees:

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McLellan

-Adjusted April numbers

-all 2017 moneys are accounted for (except for \$1000 currently be dealt with)

~we will be slightly higher than anticipated

~Proposed to write a check to the Watts PTA for the first quarter for \$1000

~should there be a blurb in the newsletter about that support to the school?

Membership ~ Diane Amato

~no new business

Communications ~ Katy Dillard

- Good shape for newsletter. There is a lot of content on a variety of topics that Ted is now laying out.
- A raffle will choose two winners from the communications survey participants
- Is there still a gardening group in the Park that could give advice in the newsletter? They did in the spring newsletter.
- Jody met the owner of Bungalow Boutique (TP resident owner, but store on website) and thought it could be featured in the newsletter, maybe digitally. Is that starting a precedent? That's probably fine, as we can put it on the website.

- On survey, some people expressed how much they liked historical articles. There was a thought that we should have articles about that. It was suggested that Cathy Carinder (Watts teacher) would be a great resource

#### Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- Concert was a great success with ~150 people or so.
- with rainfall it was inside Watts and was well received
- Steve will write an article about it
- there was talk on whether it should be inside intentionally, or another inside backup space (e.g., Beth-el)
- Steve will send the check (\$1500, plus \$1500 from Ellen Dagenhart) to the symphony
- National Night Out is coming up, with hot dogs and fixins and food to share.
- Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Mathew will try to bring the less cranky bees
- Looking for activities for kids for it. Maybe a portable glass blowing person (that Ilene knows)

#### Traffic ~ Ted Snyderman

- Last November the City put out a document that there would be work done at various places including Gregson at some point, but nothing new to report since then
- Ted will try to find the right contact person to tell TP residents who have questions

#### Urban Planning ~

- Nothing new to report

#### Safety ~

- Nothing new to report

#### INC ~ Philip Azar

- There was a presentation on the Durham Beltline and there is a survey online about it.
- Tire Mulch in Durham Parks
  - The NE Central Leadership Council asked the CC that the shredded tire mulch be removed in favor of wood mulch.
  - East Durham Playground is the only one that has this time.
  - Other playgrounds have more bounded form that is poured in place
  - The parks are generally the lowest lying lands.
  - CC did not do a resolution on the park but the city manager asked for the sense of the council. The CC wanted to remove it, but not up to a resolution.

- EPA and others are doing a study on related uses, but not playground use.
- Other jurisdictions have banned the use of this product.
- The city dumped more on top of the existing mulch in the last year
- Concerns that it may be used mostly in low-income areas
  - Concerns that the product has not been proven safe
- Vote on INC in June
- The danger is not proven, but if they are perceived to be dangerous that is keeping kids away, which is particularly concerning for a park in a lower-income area
- Parks & Rec has said their consultants approved and not much more
- East Durham EDCI, and other kid groups come to play there
- The INC is doing a resolution on whether the city should replace the mulch in east Durham, study the effects, consider equity issues, and deepen the criteria for other parks and facilities. Phase out non-natural materials where kids play, until they are proven safe.
  - INC has a motion and Phillip needs guidance on how to support the motion or not.
- There is a motion for Phillip to support the motion
  - 2 abstentions and the rest support

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

- Demolition of the building is supposed to be completed this summer
- No surprises so far

#### TP Foundation ~

- A cleanup was done on the median on Buchanan
- Trosa will come next week to remove the bamboo and will soon be ready to complete the installation
- Getting bids to increase sidewalk from median to Pergola
- And at Markham
- 7 yards of mulch laid down in TP

#### 2018 Home Tour ~ Diane Amato

- We have five houses including Mari
- Still looking for 1900s
- A couple of board members will talk to neighbors they know about houses
- Met with Mimi who offered to run the festival but wants to get confirmation
  - The festival tables have been tied to partnership
  - We are not sure how many sponsors took the table in the past

- We asked people who said no to sponsorships, do they still want a table?
- If homeowners are receptive to it, should we have vendors/sponsors set up a space in their homes? It works best when they are connected to the house (e.g., interior decorator for the house renovation)
- Mimi will need a budget and help to set up the budget (chairs and tables were ~\$500 and we paid something for Trosa)
- The festival may work best as a collection of neighborhood services.
- Still looking for food trucks
- As we ask for sponsors, we can ask if they want to be festival participants, but we will not look purposefully for festival participants

Old Business ~

New Business ~

- Jody went to Phail Wynn's reception (Duke's Regional Affairs)
- There's a meeting next week, that they are especially looking for landlords for their perspective on what to do. June 18<sup>th</sup> 10-12.
  - From TP, they would like to have 5-10 landlords commit to doing the voucher program. Which seems a tall order. Philip Azar and Jody White are planning to go to the meeting.
  - It was put forward to put something on the listserv to see if TP landlords would become involved
- Question about AirBnB regulations in Durham
  - Are there codes or regulations in TP or in Durham
  - The convention and visitors bureau has been working with residents to come up with policy. There is tax revenue coming into Durham.
  - Zoning rules may not allow whole house rentals for less than a month, but difficult to enforce
  - The CBB or **Durham One** would be the people to talk to

No July Meeting

Meeting adjournment