

May 2019 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, May 1st at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Adam McClellan, Stacy Murphy, Waugh Wright, Steve Falzano, Matthew Yearout, Bunmi Matory, Kevin Kearns, Diane Amato, Phillip Azar, Katy Dillard, Beth Emerson, Marc Phillips, Ron Gallager (Safety), Mimi Phillips (visitor)

Absent ~ Don Ball, Michael Forhez

Call to order ~Diane Amato 7:01

Review of April Meeting Minutes

- Approved and seconded and all voted to approve
- Add: we and INC did not make the deadline for nominating anyone for Durham150 [note: added]

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Submitted monthly update
- <\$400 came in in April
- We are slightly under track for our yearly goal
- [Matthew and Marc and others are working on fixing the TPNA membership email]
- Membership and ads are slightly less than where we want to be to meet our projections.
 - Rockwood Furniture is the only one that has paid for 2019
 - Kevin: we lost Northgate, I9 sports, and Mavericks
 - Picked up Self Help
 - Looking to bring in \$8500
- Paid insurance, website hosting, paypal fees, Spring Egg Hunt (\$597.70, before new check just received)
- Will pay school \$180 for gym and custodian and then \$1,500 for orchestra (May 11th)
- There has been discussion for donating to a cause around the gas explosion
 - There are three GoFundMe's that we know of to help those affected
 - The executive committee met after the explosion to discuss whether to donate/how much/to whom and talked bigger picture on how TPNA would or should donate beyond the TP Foundation (e.g., the Duke Partnership (??), which gives out small checks to local causes)
 - Could this be through the Foundation?
 - Probably not, because the Foundation is more restrictive

- Historically the Board has given money to various causes, including many outside TP (schools, Habitat for Humanity, etc.). We have not done it lately, because the Foundation needed more and because it involved much deliberation in board meetings.
 - Stacy suggested creating a subcommittee to look into this and Philip agreed to join.
- Insurance: decided to include liability insurance for all our events (\$395 for the year)

Communications ~ Katy Dillard

- Newsletter will come out in June
- Articles due May 17th. Possible topics:
 - Egg hunt
 - Community events (national night out)
 - Reality Center profile
 - Update on synagogue (Marc and Phillips are looking for contacts)
 - Foundation update (from Don)
 - No Salon Series
 - Art Tour piece
 - Durham150 flashback from an old article or photo (Philip and Diane are looking)
 - Recruitment for looking for coordinator for handing out newsletter
 - Gas Explosion Update?
 - Stacy was interviewed by a local 8th grader about EHC and thought she might be a good resource for an article or a blurb
 - A blurb on what the Planning Commission voted and what happens next
 - Garden profiles? Koi ponds? Eno River Foundation? Bike Co-op? Keep Durham Pollinator? A bike piece from Tyler of Bullseye Bicycle?
 - Durham One Call
- Kevin and Katy met to talk about newsletter and other communication channels which we will discuss it next time

Community Building ~ Steve Falzano

- Spring Egg Hunt: a great time was had by all
- Octagon Club from DSA helped and Duke Swim Team and Alpha Phi sorority
- Pops in the Park will be May 11th at Watts

Traffic ~ Beth Emerson

- Beth is cataloging issues about traffic in the neighborhood and talking to people
 - E.g., crosswalks, Duke Street cleanup, East End Connector

- Philip spoke of attending a Vision Zero meeting

INC ~ Philip Azar

- Sent out minutes separately
- A group from INC is looking into measurements around EHC
 - EHC: there was a community conversation on Saturday that Mimi Kessler attended, which had some comparisons between November's version and March's
 - The Planning Commission will meet on the 14th of May

TP Foundation ~ Don Ball

- N/A

Membership ~ Matthew Yearout

- Matthew is having email problems and will work to fix them
- He will also update database

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

- No homicides, but more robberies and larcenies in the greater region (Most crime data is not disaggregated into neighborhoods the size of Trinity Park)

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Matthew Yearout/Paul Cardile

- Paul shared an email stating that there was no updates

Old Business ~

- Expanding Housing Choices Initiative
 - See above
- Board membership -

New Business ~

- Michael Forhez, new board member to fill out the remainder of Ilene's slot
 - The executive committee met with him on April 29th
 - Diane motions to vote him on the board to fill out Ilene's term, Philip second
 - Voted unanimously
- Donation to Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership
 - See above
- Bylaws Review
 - Michael and Philip will start a committee, possibly with non-board members

- There is particular concern (raised during EHC discussions) about how should the board vote (best interests of TP? Greater community? Trees?)
- Any changes would have to be voted on during the annual meeting in January.
- Has our mission shifted? What does maintain the character of the neighborhood?
- Adam will also help
- Report from President's meeting with Duke- Diane
 - Five areas of focus within the next 12-18 months
 - Community development , housing
 - Education, partners with NCCU and Durham Tech
 - Health, community health partnerships
 - Employment, workforce development (STEAM)
 - Corporate citizen
 - Talked with Walltown representative about concerns about the future of Northgate Mall
 - Should we talk with other neighborhoods (W-H? Duke Park? Northgate?)
 - Will Old West Durham's Neighborhood Protection Overlay be affected by EHC?
 - How should City communicate and operate with communities?
 - Philip: nonprofits and developers and etc. used to have to meet with neighborhood organizations in order to get City approval, but that does not happen any longer.

Adjourned at: 8:27