January Board Meeting
met at Mad Hatters at 1018 W Main St at 7:30pm

In attendance: John Swansey, Julia Borbely-Brown, Jeff Porter, Marc Phillips, Pam Swinney, Heather Wilson, Jody White, and Philip Azar.

November and December 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

Committee news:

UPC/subcommittee on re-zoning of property on Gregson St. Para Drake is leading a meeting where the subcommittee is meeting with 501 Realty’s Julian Colton regarding the possible rezoning of the property from residential to commercial. Meeting will take place Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30pm at Will Drake’s law offices at 107 Vickers Ave. The subcommittee will submit a report of the meeting to the TPNA board.

UPC committee update given by John Swansey: John checked with the city planning website and reports that all permits for Concord are marked approved as of 12/31/2013. John has left a message with Dawn Moore, a city planner, to follow up on the signage permit approval process to make sure it meets the special provisions. John will update the board and also report back on the start and finish dates required of the project to maintain the city and county financial incentives.

House Tour 2014

The house tour date is 10/12/2014, Sunday, from 11am-5pm. A suggestion was made to see if the Concord hotel project could somehow be incorporated into the tour. The house tour committee reports that it meets regularly on Friday mornings. A substantial list of homes has already been compiled for the tour. Ticket sales will also be available on a per home/individual basis. This tour a art and architecture tour will precede the home tour the day before. This tour will focus on art and different studios in and around Trinity Park. The tour will not use docents. Philip suggested that people that buy home tour tickets get a 10% discount on art featured on the art tour as a way to help get attendance at both events. Julia suggested an alternative idea of asking for a nominal suggested donation of $5 and have the proceeds benefit the Watts school’s art class supply fund. A suggestion was made to try and involve DSA and possibly other types of studios in Trinity Park, such as Sync yoga studio. It was also suggested to reach out to Marc Moscovitz’s salon series as a possible participant.

Annual Meeting 2014

A nominating committee needs to be convened and a slate of candidates needs to be presented to the board by March 2014. Jody will email the past nominating committee and ask for their help again.
A suggested topic for the annual meeting is to have John Schelp give a talk about the history of HOA’s in Durham and/or a talk about interesting things about Trinity Park history. A suggestion was made to reach out to the Durham History Hub for a possible joint research talk.

**INC**

INC crafted a resolution on placement and aesthetics of all cell phone towers because the existing system is not functional. A policy is needed to guide placement and aesthetics. This need is driven by the cell phone industry’s need to place more and higher towers in order to keep up with demand. A joint city/county commission asked INC to craft a resolution and reach out to industry to get feedback. Philip recommends we vote for the 9 page resolution that INC crafted. John Swansey asked what the potential good/bad outcomes were. Philip responded that the resolution will try and steer new towers toward commercial or rural areas that will allow for large setbacks. This resolution will help protect local and national historic districts from cell phone tower installation. Julia moved to vote for the resolution. Marc seconded. All members present voted to approve.

**Memorial support for Leo Bortiri and his parents Rachel Raney and Esteban Bortiri.**

Rachel has resigned from the board but has communicated that she plans to still work with the traffic committee, help with the house tour, and help recruit new board members. Julia moved to make an immediate donation to Watts PTA in the amount of $500 in Leo’s honor. Jeff Porter seconded and all board members approved. The board discussed a future larger donation to a project that helps celebrate Leo’s life once Rachel and Esteban are ready to discuss what they would like.