January 2019 TPNA Annual Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Waugh Wright, Don Ball, Katy Dillard, Matthew Yearout, Ted Snyderman, Diane Amato, Marc Phillips, Philip Azar, Can Dickerson, Steve Falzano, Adam McClellan. With members in the audience, the meeting totalled ~30 people (over the 25 necessary for board elections).

Absent ~ Stacy Murphy, Ilene Hadler

Call to order ~ 7:20 (Marc Phillips)

Introduction ~ Marc Phillips

Nomination Process

- Don Ball: Chair of nominations committee (past president, proposed presidents, and three neighbors)
  - Diane Amato (VP) is nominated for President
  - Phillip Azar is nominated for Vice President
  - Marc Phillips (P) is nominated for past president
  - Beth Emerson is nominated for board director
  - Kevin Kearns is nominated for board director
  - Bunmi Matory is nominated for board director
  - Steve Falzano will fill out two years as board director
- All members of board vote aye on the slate
- Nominations from the floor are allowed but none are put forth
- The quorum voted in favor of the board slate and all are elected

Note: many of the committee reports were intended to explain the workings of the TPNA Board to the all the members who attended.

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Review of 2018
  - Not counting Home Tour
  - Income $10,246
  - Expense was ~ $9,000
- Remaining surplus of ____ will be given to the Trinity Park Foundation

- **Budget for 2019**
  - Projecting income $11,000 (dues and ads)
  - Projecting expenses $9,000

- **Review of 2018 Home Tour ~ Diane Amato**
  - It was a rousing success
  - The theme was houses from different decades
  - ~400 people attended
  - Netted $14,000, which goes to the foundation
  - Next Home Tour will be in 2020

- **Communications ~ Katy Dillard**
  - Completed a survey in the Spring
    - The print newsletter and the digital channels (private facebook group and made a board page which was used to run ads for the home tour) are both popular
    - Neighbors are encouraged to suggest story ideas and write articles
    - There will be a photo contest in the Spring
    - The distribution coordinator will be leaving this year and we are looking for a replacement to help facilitate the team of volunteers

- **Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano**
  - Review of annual events
  - ~20% of expenses goes to these events
  - Halloween, Spring Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Pops in the Park
  - A large team of volunteers has helped run all these projects
  - Luminaria is organized separately – this year by Riverside PTA and Habitat for Humanity
  - We offer some money to help neighborhood block parties

- **INC ~ Philip Azar**
  - InterNeighborhood Council of Durham
  - Many neighborhoods from around Durham (the number has varied)
  - Working to help other neighborhoods as well as TP, as appropriate
  - There will be a Neighborhood Heroes award/event this year
  - Rezoning issues are often big issues for the INC
  - A big issue is looking at how to increase density in the downtown and surrounding areas, in a fair and equitable way
    - E.g., rules changes regarding ADUs
The floor had concerns about when the planning commission will have discussion or vote on upcoming zoning issues.

The floor talked about the history in the neighborhood, fighting to maintain the neighborhood.

Phillip is happy to talk to everyone and encouraged people to come to the TPNA meetings.

The planning staff is talking to Old West Durham, Watts-Hillendale and Tuscaloosa about various overlays.

The Urban Planning Committee is the group that in the past has worked to poll neighbors on their views on these issues.

The Communications Committee will share the information about the commission on the appropriate digital platform.

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

Ron reminded everyone that if you have a safety concern (e.g., gunshots heard), you should call 911.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands

Paul: there has been a planned stoppage of the work since September. Construction will restart, based on various permits from local, state, and federal authorities, but likely a year out before all the approvals are in.

TP Foundation ~

Don Ball is the new TP Foundation president and explained how it functioned.

Foundation was formed when the land for TP was slated to become an apartment building.

The land was saved, but the foundation went dormant, as TPNA went forward.

Seven years ago Julia Borbley resurrected the foundation.

Both TPNA and the TP Foundation share members (TPNA exec board sits on the foundation board).

TPNA considers the political and policy side of the neighborhood.

The foundation works on capital improvements:

- Trees
- Art
- The Park
- The medians
  - Duke University used to manage the medians and about ten years ago decided not to maintain them.
The foundation moved in with many volunteers to maintain and improve the medians

- In 2018,
  - January dedicated the History Grove at the TP
  - The Free Library was installed/maintained
  - Mulching of public areas
  - Planted 200 lilies and irises in Trinity Avenue median and still working on it
  - Regraveling in park
  - Painting of water fountain
  - Al Vega sign for Buchanan and Main Street Median
    - Made of pieces of from old Chesterfield building
    - Will be finished this spring
  - The original Francis Vega sign has been moved to the Buchanan and Markham median

- In 2019,
  - The fences and railings in TP will be painted soon
  - The Insect Sidewalk at TP will be completed and lead all the way to the gazebo (this Spring)
  - The Michael Waller sculpture will be installed in the Markham Median
  - We will be making some informational signs about the art pieces

- We are leading the way in the City to show how to do public art in the city.
- Discussions about some art/sign at the Gregson/Club entrance
- Many neighborhoods got together with the foundation to present Julia with a gift for her years of work.

Ted Snyderman and Don Ball were honored for their long service and given commemorative plaques.

Adjourned at 8:19