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 7th
- 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 18th 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