April 2020 TPNA Board Meeting
Agenda
Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 239 465 047
Password: 445277

Present: Diane Amato, Waugh Wright, Philip Azar, Kevin Kearns, Adam McClellan, Marc Philips, Beth Shepherd, Karalyn Colopy, Bunmi Matory, Steve Falzarano, Mimi Kessler, Beth Emerson, Michael Forhez

Absent: Stacy Murphy

Review of March Meeting Minutes
  • Accepted

Treasurer’s Report ~ Adam McClellan

- $3,000 came in from sponsors and $40 in membership revenue
- Cash flow is good
- Philip: We’ll need a $25 check for INC membership
- Kevin: some sponsors may not want to be donating because they are being hard hit - 5 remaining ones owe $1000 each (Domino’s, and others) - one is supposed to be closing in the Fall.
  ○ Need to figure out what the shortfall might be and be ready to dig into reserves if need be.
Communications ~ Kevin Kearns
- The newsletter is out.
- Starting to prep for next one and do we need to figure out what the newsletter will be, if we have fewer supporters

Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano
- Concert has been cancelled.
  - Normally they get $1500 and $500 for chairs and the space rental.
  - Leave the $1500 for now, but absorb the $500 back in to our working budget?
- Spring Egg hunt has been cancelled and materials are looking to be donated
- Not sure about National Night Out at this point, but planning for it (first Tuesday in August)

Traffic ~ Beth Emerson
- No traffic to report (in many ways)

Home Tour ~ Stacy Murphy (via email)
- Stacy will talk to home owners this month.
- Will figure out plans when we know more.
  - We need to make sure the homeowners have time to do what they need to do to get ready for it, as well as advertising and the volunteers.
  - We should decide next month and not wait longer.
  - Would a garden tour (perhaps next Spring/early summer) work instead? It has been garden tours before.
  - Do we a different focus this year? Membership? Crime & Safety?

INC ~ Philip Azar
- Philip received a Covid survey about neighborhood response (not sure from whom, seems to be in several neighborhoods)
  - Is it legit? He’ll send a copy to the board

Membership ~ Beth Sheppard
- 7 people joined
- More expirations coming soon, hopefully followed by re

Safety ~
- Neighborhood Watch

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Paul Cardile
Old Business ~
- Review of Duke Neighborhood Presidents Meeting - Waugh Wright. Topics discussed:
  - Neighborhoods are working with Durham Police to help open better lines of communication between neighbors and student houses.
  - The Walltown rep talked about their communications with the new developers of Northgate
  - Many neighborhoods are concerned about the rise in property taxes
- Northgate Development
  - Diane has been talking with the developer (Jonathan Stewart) and they are willing to do a virtual presentation.
    - (They could send in questions ahead of time perhaps?)
  - They have been meeting with the communities in various areas
  - We could tell the community that they are looking for feedback.
  - Should we have a survey?
  - Waugh: Walltown has been leading the way and we should be worried about steamrolling their work.
  - It might be best to talk to them when they have an actual proposal to talk about.
    - Are they just waiting to say that they’ve meant with everyone and then do what they want to do anyway?
  - Some TP neighbors were complaining at the Walltown meeting that the TPNA board hasn’t been leading the way.
    - But we can’t say what the TP position is currently, particularly since it’s diverse
  - Can we have the developer host it and then we promote it.
  - We need to make sure we don’t gang up on Walltown.
- The Listserv
  - There has been talk of should we move to Google Groups (e.g., to allow daily digests, but perhaps with security issues)
  - Mimi has looked into them, as well as Io as a possibility
    - which may still have security issues, so we need to be careful to transfer 2,000 names.
    - Easier to transfer to Io than to Google Groups
    - Old North Durham just moved over and made everyone unsubscribe and then resubscribe with two buttons (Beth Emerson will send that to Mimi to see how to do it)
  - Can we teach people how to filter these messages into a folder that acts as an effective digest?

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New Business ~
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