March 2021 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm

Present: Waugh Wright, Karlayn Colopy, Beth Sheppard, Adam McClellan, Missy Crawford-Smith, Scott Doron, Mollie Flowe, Caroline Black, Kevin Kearns, Diane Amato, James Dobbins, Beth Emerson, Bill Brown, Laurie Williamson
Philip Azar, Chris Dreps (ECWA), Mimi Kessler, Laura Stroud (ECWA), Steve Falzarano, Jewell Thomas, Tina Moon

Review of January Meeting Minutes
● Minutes passed

ECWA ~ Coverdell Fellow with ECWA, Laura Stroud
● Presentation + Q&A about stream enhancement along Ellerbe Creek Greenway
● Strayhorn Branch Enhancement Project
● Ellerbee empties into Falls Lake which is a chief water supply source for Raleigh
● Screenshots follow:
They hope to improve the stream’s ability to clean the water coming through and reduce erosion.
Treasurer’s Report ~ Adam McClellan

$225 in membership dues have come in (well ahead of forecast)
Only expenses were paypal fees
We share a PO box with the foundation and now members in both have keys

Communications ~ Kevin Kearns
Newsletter update
The newsletter will be reaching the neighbors this week
Special thanks to Carol Anderson and all her help with distributing the newsletter
We will talk more about advertisers next meeting

Community Building ~
Looking for a board member to partner with Steve Falzarano on events

INC ~ Philip Azar
Does TP have sufficient membership to qualify us to vote as an INC member? We need at least 15% membership. (Although many other neighborhoods are probably in a similar boat)
INC is not as representative of Durham as it used to be
Guidance for Phil as Trinity Park rep to INC - he would prefer not to vote in INC until we reach 15%
TP is 60% rentals, which adds an extra hurdle.
Mimi suggested having block captains, to help involve people in the neighborhood in general
Karalyn wondered if there is someone we could invite? We had a DPD member last year and they could send someone?
We will put it on next month’s agenda

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Karalyn
- A new update just came out from the City
- Paul Cardile has stepped away as liaison
- Need a board member to be our liaison with the City
- All the local neighborhoods signed on, with the idea that it would have various amenities for the concerns of preservationists, etc.
- Stormwater fees cannot be used for all that was promised, but City Council has said they are looking for other sources of funding
- Scott Doron and Mollie Flowe volunteered to act as liaisons

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership -
- Discussion of grant opportunities - $2,500 on our own, and $10,000 partnering with another non-profit
- How to invite community input

TP Foundation ~ Shelley Dekker
- Wishlist of projects
- The board asked questions about whether we could combine with another neighborhood.
- Could we work with George Watts and their plan to work on their playground?
- Or with Ellerbee Creek Watershed Association?
- For the $2500 we will look into obtaining signage for the TP art

Listserv ~ Mimi Kessler
- Change in leadership means change in moderators
- Karalyn will now be a moderator, as she is president
- The moderator has to click accept for each message that comes in
- Missy will help as a moderator as well as Karalyn

Traffic on Duke/Gregson - Missy Crawford-Smith, Susan Caddell
- A group along Gregson/Duke has been talking about traffic issues. (two meetings so far)
  - Goal is to have a group of homeowners to work on pedestrian and driver safety on D/G
  - Looking into crosswalks, stop signs, etc.
  - Will the new connector help?
  - They are worried that if there are too many ideas/solutions, then it doesn’t look united and nothing happens
  - But if we really push our goal of slower traffic, but not many solutions, then the powers that be might listen better
  - Philip Azar provided some contact names to Susan Caddell
Beth Emerson said to keep in mind that the city has done some bump outs and other things, whether they worked or not.

Old Business ~
- Northgate Development
- No new developments

New Business ~
- Guest speakers for upcoming meetings?
- Tabled for next time

Adjourned at 9:04