# Trinity Park Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes 7:30 pm February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Watts Elementary School Cafeteria

**Present:** John Swansey, Julia Borbely-Brown, Marc Phillips, Heather Wilson, Germaine Brewington (via phone call), Jody White.

**Absent:** Berry McMurray, Bunmi Fatore Matory, Tempe Wilson, TJ McDermott, Jeff Porter, Pam Swinney, and Philip Azar.

**TPNA Members:** Para Drake, Linda Wilson, Tina Moon, Frank Crigler, Phillipp Dismukes

## January 2014 Minutes

A motion to approve the Jan 2014 board meeting minutes was made by Julia Borbely-Brown. Seconded by Marc Phillips. All approved.

# **Treasurer's Report -** Germaine Brewington

Germaine Brewington (via phone call) presented a revised 2014 budget. Julia Borbely-Brown moves to approve budget and Marc Phillips seconds the motion. All board members present approve.

# **Community Building - Jeff Porter**

No new update

# **Membership** – Jody White

Membership is currently at 161 households in TP out of ~1482, **10.8%** of households. Goal for 2014 is again 20% of households.

## **Urban Planning** – John Swansey

John Swansey reported that Tim Osecki, the McPherson hotel project manager, stated that all permits are in place for the hotel construction project. Also the contract with the construction company is in place. Financing/loan is supposed to be in place in February with groundbreaking scheduled for March.

**Traffic** – Martin Steinmeyer No new update

**Trees** – Shelley Dekker No new update

**Communications** – Marc Phillips

### Website (trinitypark.org)

- 400 visits last month (down from 416)351
- unique visitors (down from 366)
- 983 page views
- 779 unique page views
- Top targets Home / Connect / Map / History

#### **Twitter**

Occasional tweets of local events

#### **Facebook**

- 303 members
- a few new posts re plumbers and snow, a little spam (removed and banned)

#### **Newsletter**

#### **Current Article List:**

- 1) Trinity Park Foundation (Julia)
- 2) Featured artist (Julia)
- 3) Featured business (Marc planning on Respite)
- 4) Annual meeting + nominations (Julia/Jody)
- 5) Symphony in the Park (Julia)
- 6) Featured neighbor (Meredith Sara Jarvis or Betsy Randall-David)
- 7) Daniel Greyber's new book (he's the Beth El rabbi and TPNA resident)
- 8) Leaf policy (Shelley)
- 9) House Tour update (Pam & Co)
- 10) Solarize Durham (Sarah Musser, if we have space)

#### **Events List:**

- Playdate Meetups (will get dates from Emily)
- Egg Hunt April 19
- Watts Carnival April 26
- Annual Meeting April 27

#### **Publication Schedule:**

- [DONE] 1/17 Article list proposal deadline
- [DONE] 1/30 Article list deadline
- [articles written]
- 2/28 Story deadline
- [Jen edits]
- 3/14 drop off to SpeedeeQ
- 3/17 review proof
- 3/19 pick up from SpeedeeQ
- 3/20 Delivery begins

#### **Other Business**

**UPC** 

Para Drake presented a report on developments with possible rezoning of the property/structure at 505 N. Gregson St. from residential to commercial. Parking is not a requirement of this rezoning request. A request was made that our INC representative ask the INC for guidance on the general approach for general infill in Durham. What is being considered is an application for conditional zoning that allows for many different commercial uses of the building. It was suggested that the subcommittee recommend at least 6 of these conditional uses to the board. Some clarification and re-wording of the report will be done prior to the next subcommittee meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. A neighborhood input meeting will be planned where the focus is to inform the residents of this development and encourage participation, speak for or against the developments. Would also like to have people sign up to make comments in front of City Council on this business item.

# **Nominating Committee approval**

A nominating committee slate was presented by Linda Wilson. The proposed committee is composed of:

Linda Wilson Heather Wilson Philip Azar Deb Dobbins Dan Jewell Bynum Walter

Julia Borbely-Brown moved to approve the slate. John Swansey seconds the motion and all board members present approve.