

Trinity Park Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, January 7th 2015

7:30 p.m.

George Watts Montessori School Media Center

Minutes

Roll Call: Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Deb Dobbins, Janene Tompkins, John Swansey, Jeff Porter, Pam Swinney, Paul Stinson

Absent~ Derek Jones, Jennifer Valentyn, Elizabeth Parish

Neighbors~ Philip Azar, Kevin Davis, Anna Lewis, Julia Borbley-Brown

December minutes approval~Janene Tompkins made motion to approve. Marc Philips seconded. Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report ~Janene Tompkins overview of finances. Formal report for February meeting. Strong financial standing. Moving statements to on-line

House Tour ~Heather Wilson and Pam Swinney

Membership ~Jody White Membership is currently at 252 households in TP out of ~1484, **16.9%** of households. A net loss of 19 memberships over December 2014. Goal for 2015 is again 20% of households. We need 45 new memberships to achieve goal.

Communications ~Marc Phillips

Traffic~ Martin Steinmeyer City considering neck downs on Gregson and Duke information and discussion. Martin presented that the city is considering neck downs on Gregson and Duke. In December he heard that the neck downs were back on the table. The pilot neck down on Gregson at Urban has helped with the drainage issue and slowing traffic down some. The proposed purpose of the neck downs is not for traffic calming means but for pedestrian improvement. Design process to begin in a relatively short period of time. Local engineers begin 1/8/2015. There are time constraints. Recommendations are to keep a view to the future. Endorse the neck downs but work encourage work with BPAC, neighborhoods, and community. Use the design phase to make sure that any work being done is compatible with further plans East End Connector etc. Look at a additional community input meeting. In our response we can state to the City that we support in context of a bigger picture. Martin will make a initial response. Insure that whatever happens on Gregson and Duke that it doesn't push traffic to Buchanan.

Urban Planning ~John Swansey Urban Planning did not meet as initial scheduled but are meeting on the 22nd of January. John sent another letter to Planning Department about signage for the Residence Inn being constructed at

the corner of Main and Watts.

Trees ~ Shelly Dekker Kevin Lily looking into trees and placement for Trinity Avenue median

Community Building ~Jeff Porter (co-chair requested) Luminaria night was a hit. Upcoming is the Easter Egg Hunt. Easter is April 5th and the Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4th. The only other item in the works is Neighborhood Bull's Night.

Safety (Chair Person requested) Don Ball brought up the recent rash of break-ins. The COP vehicle would be more visible. Supposedly 3 people had been recently arrested.

INC ~Philip Azar two main items: 1) High Speed Internet 2) Neighborhood Hero Awards. Nominations letters for Linda Wilson and Dan Jewell. 2 more nominations will be forthcoming and we will approve these by email. Discussion about the pros and cons of multiple nominations. What do we consider the criteria to be for TPNA endorsement? Do the candidates meet this criteria? Deadline for letters and endorsements is January 15th. Linda Wilson approved unanimously. Dan Jewell had one opposed.

Old Business Charitable donation guidelines No need to change the guidelines.

New Business~ Neighborhood Hero nominations, See INC. TPNA

Foundation goals and funding~Julia Borbley-Brown presented over view of the Foundation and what they have done in the past. How it was initially formed and the roll it has taken in recent history. How it operates currently, who serves on the Foundation Board etc. Long range plans and shorter goals that could have a more instant impact. Marc Philips discussed where the monies for the donation from the TPNA to the Foundation would come from. This would be a onetime donation and it is separate from our Charitable Donations and the policy that effects that. John Swansey described this as the single largest donation that the neighborhood has ever made and he viewed Julia's presentation as a positive that this was a valid investment for Trinity Park. This will represent a change in roles as we see the Foundation grow in ambition and intent. The mission of the Foundation was not at odds with the intent of the Neighborhood and the designation of funds. Reluctance from December meeting was resolved. Marc Philips made a motion to move 20,000.00 to the Foundation. Pam Swinney seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

It was raised that ECWE should attend Annual Meeting.

Rolling agenda for February meeting.

Meeting closes Deb Dobbins moved to end meeting at 9:28. John Swansey seconded. Unanimous. Next meeting on February 4th.