

## **Roll Call**

**Present**~ Don Ball, Marc Philips, Janene Tompkins, Jody White, Deb Dobbins, Elizabeth Parish, Steve, Falzarano, Jennifer Valentyn, Joan Austin, Kevin Davis, Ted Snyderman

**Absent**~Derek Jones, Pam Swinney, Paul Stinson

**Neighbors**~Philip Azar, Scott Schuett and Jo Darby

**Approval of May Minutes.**~Joan Austin made motion. Don Ball seconded. Minutes approved

**Treasurer's Report** ~Don and Janene will review and resend for approval

## **Presentation**~

Larry Thomas. Introduced himself. Thomas Leadership Academy. Works with young men from single parent or grandparent homes. Help to step in when a child starts hanging with wrong crowd. Meet first and third Saturdays with the child. Parent/Guardian must enroll. Partner with the parents and step in if child gets into trouble with school. Program opened in 2012. Moved to Reality Center a year ago. They hold parents accountable. Hold trainings for parents. Preparing for summer trip to Washington DC. Show them that life is bigger than Durham.

Marc invited Larry to write an article about the organization for Fall Newsletter.

**Communications Committee:** All articles are in and at printer. Marc asked for help to proof the newsletter at Speed DQ as sometimes it is blurry

**Traffic Report:** Kevin asked what can be done. Marc answered that NCDOT has stated that no traffic calming can be done on Duke and Gregson. Only “pedestrian safety” can be done. Report from Martin on current efforts: Stewart Engineering seems to have done no research on what is effective, only presented options. Without backup. At this point we are identifying intersections that need addressing. And then asking for options. Stewart has not looked at the MAB report. Presented non-scientific, non-evidence based options. Just presented things people “liked”.

**Urban Planning:** Derek Jones (not present)

**Trees:** Shelley Dekker

**Community Building:** Marc had questions about expectation of the Board Member involvement for the events. Every Board member on the committee for an event is not required to be present at the events, but can be involved in the planning phase, recruitment of organizer, etc. There does need to be at least one Board member present for actual event.

Safety: nothing to report

**INC:** Phil sent resolution to support TTA. Jody moved to empower Phil to vote to the best of his knowledge and ability. Don seconded. Phil presented additional important information on this. Promises to use his vote wisely.

**New Business**~ Egg Hunt is set for East Campus on Saturday March 26th. Gazebo is also reserved.

Pops In the Park scheduled for May 7, 2016. Board was in favor of the date. Graduation is the following week. Ellen Dagenhart is willing to sponsor the symphony. She kicks in \$1500 and we kick in \$1500. Ellen is not sponsoring for TP, she is sponsoring on her own behalf. It is symphony’s job to thank Ellen. Jody put a big thank you in the next newsletter acknowledging Ellen’s sponsorship.

National Night Out is August 4th. Jo Darby is willing to be the point person to help anyone who wants to sponsor a block party for NNO. Jo held a block party for her block. It is getting late for elected officials, fire trucks, etc to attend. It is first come to sign up for visits from these people. It is important as part of safety issues to be more involved. We have not been very active in Neighborhood Watch, etc in the last few years. To make a nice event, three or four block parties in the hood would be involved. Sheriffs/Police can do booths for kids. IE fingerprinting for kids.

Steve Falzaranno will do some due diligence with Phil Azar to attend the WHHNA and Lyon Park events. Determination was made that this should be a neighborhood-wide event, not block parties to make this a true community event. Effort would be made to organize for 2016.

Discussion continues about making the Graduation Party an annual event. It was decided that this year it would be a pilot attempt. Approval of monies to offset expenses were decided upon based on attendance and a amount of 180.00 was approved. There were 8 approvals, 1 nay and 2 abstaining.

Scott Schuett discussed the new fee issues for the yard waste containers. Discussion resulted in Scott suggesting that he approach the INC to find a resolution that Trinity Park could support.

Board Retreat Monday, June 22 6-9pm. Send agenda items to Don Ball by Friday, June 5. Higher level organizational concepts.

**No meeting in July.** Jody and Deb motioned to close meeting. Motion approved.

**Next meeting is Wednesday August 5th.**