## TPNA Monthly Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 7th 7:30 p.m.

## **George Watts Montessori School Media Center**

**Roll Call**~Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Janene Tompkins, Deb Dobbins, Derek Jones, Elizabeth Parish, Pam Swinney, Paul Stinson, Steve Falzarano, Kevin Davis, Joan Austin, Ted Snyderman

**Absent~** Jody White, Jennifer Valentyn

Neighbors~ Erik Landried, Michael Dennis, Philip Azar

Approval of September Minutes~ unanimous

Presentation by Erik Landfried from Durham Complete Streets What is Durham Complete Streets? Designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Their approach engages multiple stakeholders. The approach strengthens overall community with safer streets for everyone. Better a access to key destinations throughout Durham including schools, churches, businesses. More equitable community allowing those without cars to participate more fully in economic and social life. Looks at National and State guidelines. Encourages smart growth. NCDOT adopted Complete Streets policy in 2009. More than 10 cities in NC have implemented Complete Streets policy. City Council asked to write resolution of support calling on the City Council and County Commissioners and City/County staff to prioritize Complete Streets. durhamcompletestreets.com

**Michael Dennis** a yoga instructor who has been resident of Trinity Park area for about past 6 months and is interested in beginning a community based yoga class. Looking for a site within the neighborhood to hold classes on a weekly basis. His website is michael@friendlymountain.com

**Treasurer's Report~ Janene Tompkins** 12,000.00 in checking. Cd's remain unchanged, additional revenue from 2 memberships + 1 from Paypal. Deposit in June and July not reflected. Still need to pay for latest edition of newsletter.

**Membership~ Paul Stinson**; Membership Sustainment and Engagement Moving forward with the ability to use credit cards. Conceive master plan that has several parts and can be implemented in stages. More discussion is needed but presents opportunity for strategy in creating 2016 budget. Looking at what are the benefits of your TPNA membership? Co-branding and co-promoting. Fundraising and friend raising. It was obvious Paul had put a great deal of thought into his presentation and his enthusiasm was contagious.

**Communications~ Marc Philips** We've had a hiatus from the newsletter but now articles are due not late than the 28th of November. Goal is for distribution by 12/15 if not sooner. Doreen would like to hand over coordination of delivery duties.

**Traffic~ Martin Steinmeyer** (looking for new Traffic chair) Meeting went well for the Duke and Gregson project. More tools in place to have people safely cross especially at Urban and Gregson as well as Lamond and Gregson. Bynum Walter will take over watchdogging and how the construction of the East End Connector impacts.

Community Building~ Jody White Halloween and Lumanaria Jody was absent but

Ted Snyderman and Steve Falzarano have things well in hand and planning is in motion. Lumanaria has been deferred to next month when we have asked the community for assistance in organizing and can possible vote on a date.

**Urban Planning~Derek Jones** results from post construction survey by UPC. There was a 20-25% response to the survey and for the most part there seemed to be no negative concerns with the exception of the parking lot at the corner of Lamond and Watts. Condition of the street on Lamond is very bad and certainly has worsened with the construction traffic that moved through there. Encourage that repairing/repaving the street to be prioritized.

**Safety~ Steve Falzarano** In light of recent and wide spread activities that we need to have more info on community contacts. Encourage more presence and awareness amongst neighbors.

Trees~Shelly Dekker

INC~Philip Azar

**Old Business~** Inventory of items stored in neighborhood. Dates for Home Tour 2016. Annual meeting dates. Neighborhood Donations posting and follow through. Membership signs and possible Raffle for members.

New Business~Presentation by Erik Landfried from Durham Complete Streets. Priorities: !) Concord Letter, 2) Chris Dreps from ECWA study of Ellerbee Creek Watershed and to make sure there are no issues. 3) Nomination committee for January Special Meeting. Linda Wilson has offered to chair Nomination committee. Follow-up on Duke Diet and Fitness Center. It is being sold to the City. Potential wetlands and how TPNA can become involved.

**Meeting Adjournment** Meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00.

Next Meeting~ Wednesday, November 4th