

**TPNA Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 9th
Minutes**

Roll Call (Present)~ Don Ball, Marc Phillips, Jody White, Janene Tompkins, Deb Dobbins, Derek Jones, Elizabeth Parish, Jennifer Valentyn, Paul Stinson, Steve Falzarano, Kevin Davis, Joan Austin, Ted Snyderman

(Absent)~ Pam Swinney

Neighbors~ Aaron Lubeck

November minutes approved~ Steve Falzarano made motion, Jennifer Valentyn second. Unanimous.

Special Presentation by Aaron Lubeck on Watts Street Bicycle Boulevard. Overview: while most of Durham's bike plan focuses on greenways and bike lanes where bike riders are competing with cars, Bike Boulevards focus on making streets that are calm and good for biking even better for biking. Inexpensive to do. Neighborhood support is paramount to moving this forward with the City. Goal would be to divert traffic in a way that still is neighborhood friendly for cars but would allow safe biking on Watts as a thoroughfare. Suggested to Aaron that he reach out to inform the neighborhood and list serve for feedback. The TPNA supports the exploration of the concept.

Treasurer's Report~ Janene Tompkins Update on end of year budget. Projections for final funding of Neighborhood Contributions.

Membership~ Paul Stinson our membership chair sent out emails for membership renewals. We received 4 renewals and 2 new memberships. Discussion on changing our credit card to make sure that we have insurance to cover any fraud that might occur. Jody White made a motion to try-out new credit card system. Joan Austin seconded. Unanimous to try out new system.

Communications~ Marc Phillips Included web traffic:• 520 visits last month (down from 646)

- 375 unique visitors (down from 551)
- 1049 page views (down from 1401)
- 866 unique page views (down from 1143)
- Top targets – Connect / Map / Canker Worms / History

Newsletters ready to go in the next couple of days.

Community Building~ Jody White Rebecca Daniels and the Girl Scouts are finalizing preparations for Luminaria. Permitting for closing streets and use of the Park have changed. Permitting applications need to be in 60 days in advance and there is a 55.00 fee to close the Park in-season. Halloween recap by Steve Falzarano and Ted Snyderman. Great success. Total net expenditures were 215.00. Our next TPNA sponsored event is the annual Egg Hunt.

Traffic~ Martin Steinmeyer Search for new chair

Urban Planning~ Derek Jones Derek attended the City meeting for the rezoning of the property for a Pocket Neighborhood which has a medium density element. It was unanimously approved to go to the City Council. The buffer was increased between 1-85 and development, and there was a increased commitment to making sure to

preserve green space. Both owner occupied and rental with more market rate units.

Safety~ Steve Falzarano article in Newsletter

Trees~ Shelly Dekker

INC~ Philip Azar

Old Business

New Business~ (1) Neighborhood Contributions: Applications were received from E.K. Powe, Watts Montessori, Salon Series, and ECWA for funds this year. A vote was taken and funds approved for E.K. Powe and ECWA. Suggestion was made that the Foundation might be a more appropriate place to seek funds for ECWA in the future. **(2)** Budgeting prep work for 2016. Marc Phillips suggested we think about the line items. Things that we fund on a ongoing basis instead of waiting to end of year to propose. **(3)** Special Meeting in January~ topics for the Meeting. Don Ball has been working on these and will distribute before next Board meeting. Slate of Officers not yet ready but will be available for review by the next board meeting.

Don Ball moved to close meeting Janene Tompkins second. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Next meeting Wednesday January 6th.