

January 2019 TPNA Annual Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 23rd at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Waugh Wright, Don Ball, Katy Dillard, Matthew Yearout, Ted Snyderman, Diane Amato, Marc Phillips, Philip Azar, Can Dickerson, Steve Falzano, Adam McClellan. With members in the audience, the meeting totalled ~30 people (over the 25 necessary for board elections).

Absent ~Stacy Murphy, Ilene Hadler

Call to order ~7:20 (Marc Phillips)

Introduction~ Marc Phillips

Nomination Process

- Don Ball: Chair of nominations committee (past president, proposed presidents, and three neighbors)
 - Diane Amato (VP) is nominated for President
 - Phillip Azar is nominated for Vice President
 - Marc Phillips (P) is nominated for past president
 - Beth Emerson is nominated for board director
 - Kevin Kearns is nominated for board director
 - Bunmi Matory is nominated for board director
 - Steve Falzano will fill out two years as board director
- All members of board vote aye on the slate
- Nominations from the floor are allowed but none are put forth
- The quorum voted in favor of the board slate and all are elected

Note: many of the committee reports were intended to explain the workings of the TPNA Board to the all the members who attended.

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Review of 2018
 - Not counting Home Tour
 - Income \$10,246
 - Expense was ~ \$9,000

- Remaining surplus of ____ will be given to the Trinity Park Foundation
- Budget for 2019
 - Projecting income \$11,000 (dues and ads)
 - Projecting expenses \$9,

Review of 2018 Home Tour ~ Diane Amato

- It was a rousing success
- The theme was houses from different decades
- ~400 people attended
- Netted \$14,000, which goes to the foundation
- Next Home Tour will be in 2020

Communications ~ Katy Dillard

- Completed a survey in the Spring
- The print newsletter and the digital channels (private facebook group and made a board page which was used to run ads for the home tour) are both popular
- Neighbors are encouraged to suggest story ideas and write articles
- There will be a photo contest in the Spring
- The distribution coordinator will be leaving this year and we are looking for a replacement to help facilitate the team of volunteers

Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- Review of annual events
- ~20% of expenses goes to these events
- Halloween, Spring Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Pops in the Park
- A large team of volunteers has helped run all these projects
- Luminaria is organized separately – this year by Riverside PTA and Habitat for Humanity
- We offer some money to help neighborhood block parties

INC ~ Philip Azar

- InterNeighborhood Council of Durham
- Many neighborhoods from around Durham (the number has varied)
- Working to help other neighborhoods as well as TP, as appropriate
- There will be a Neighborhood Heroes award/event this year
- Rezoning issues are often big issues for the INC
- A big issue is looking at how to increase density in the downtown and surrounding areas, in a fair and equitable way
 - E.g., rules changes regarding ADUs

- The floor had concerns about when the planning commission will have discussion or vote on upcoming zoning issues
- The floor talked about the history in the neighborhood, fighting to maintain the neighborhood
- Phillip is happy to talk to everyone and encouraged people to come to the TPNA meetings
- The planning staff is talking to Old West Durham, Watts-Hillendale and Tuscaloosa about various overlays
- The Urban Planning Committee is the group that in the past has worked to poll neighbors on their views on these issues.
- The Communications Committee will share the information about the commission on the appropriate digital platform

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

- Ron reminded everyone that if you have a safety concern (e.g., gunshots heard), you should call 911.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands

- Paul: there has been a planned stoppage of the work since September. Construction will restart, based on various permits from local, state, and federal authorities, but likely a year out before all the approvals are in.

TP Foundation ~

- Don Ball is the new TP Foundation president and explained how it functioned
- Foundation was formed when the land for TP was slated to become an apartment building.
- The land was saved, but the foundation went dormant, as TPNA went forward
- Seven years ago Julia Borbley- resurrected the foundation
- Both TPNA and the TP Foundation share members (TPNA exec board sits on the foundation board)
- TPNA considers the political and policy side of the neighborhood
- The foundation works on capital improvements
 - Trees
 - Art
 - The Park
 - The medians
 - Duke University used to manage the medians and about ten years ago decided not to maintain them.

- The foundation moved in with many volunteers to maintain and improve the medians
- In 2018,
 - January dedicated the History Grove at the TP
 - The Free Library was installed/maintained
 - Mulching of public areas
 - Planted 200 lilies and irises in Trinity Avenue median and still working on it
 - Regraveling in park
 - Painting of water fountain
 - Al Vega sign for Buchanan and Main Street Median
 - Made of pieces of from old Chesterfield building
 - Will be finished this spring
 - The original Francis Vega sign has been moved to the Buchanan and Markham median
- In 2019,
 - The fences and railings in TP will be painted soon
 - The Insect Sidewalk at TP will be completed and lead all the way to the gazebo (this Spring)
 - The Michael Waller sculpture will be installed in the Markham Median
 - We will be making some informational signs about the art pieces
- We are leading the way in the City to show how to do public art in the city.
- Discussions about some art/sign at the Gregson/Club entrance
- Many neighborhoods got together with the foundation to present Julia with a gift for her years of work.

Ted Snyderman and Don Ball were honored for their long service and given commemorative plaques.

Adjourned at 8:19