

January 2019 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 2 at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Marc Phillips, Stacy Murphy, Steve Falzano, Katy Dillard, Diane Amato, Waugh Wright, Philip Azar, Florence Johnson (On-phone from Preservation Durham)

Absent ~ Ilene Hadler, Adam McClellan, Ted Snyderman, Matthew Yearout

Call to order ~730

-Marc Phillips

Review of December Meeting Minutes

- Tabled until we can hopefully recover minutes from broken computer

Committees:

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- The current 2019 budget has an expected budget (\$1,261). It is proposed to reduced expected revenue from ads and membership and move some money into community building to make 2019's budget revenue neutral. We will talk further with the treasurer over email to present at the annual meeting or a future board meeting.

Communications ~ Katy Dillard

- Some deliveries were delayed due to holidays, weather, and life.
- Jessica Sloan (current coordinator) wants to transition out of that role and will recruit and train someone by September's delivery.
- Katy will ask Jessica to get an idea of the level of effort involved
- Next issue goes out in March
 - Steve will have an egg hunt article and perhaps a Pops effort.
 - Don suggested highlighting his street for the Luminaria. Would be good to find out from the two groups to see how the revenue was.
 - A call for a pet photo contest?

Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- Steve will start preparing for the egg hunt in February, including talking to Duke. It will be in late April this year.

Traffic ~ Ted Snyderman

- N/A

INC ~

- Steve Schewell came and talked about light rail and housing choices and the need for improved schools, including universal pre-K, and developing trails.

TP Foundation ~

- From Don Ball's update:
- MAIN STREET MEDIAN
 - The Al Frega artwork has been installed and the art committee is in the process of finalizing the verbiage and color of the top coat. It will read 'Trinity Part, est 1891' in a similar fashion to the Francis Vega sign, but with a typeface representative of the Chesterfield Building.
- TRINITY MEDIAN
 - The garden committee planted extensively this fall, with new daylilies and iris.
- THE TRINITY PARK
 - Arrangements have been confirmed to complete the Insect Walk when weather permits in early 2019.
 - The railings are to be repainted in the next few weeks.
- MARKHAM MEDIAN
 - The original Francis Vega sign has been moved and permanently installed by BAMRO, and Cricket Forge/Vega Metals did a marvelous job of restoring the sign to its original lustre.
 - The Michael Waller sculpture honoring Marie Austin (that originally was installed at the King's Daughters Inn) is to be installed soon at the Markham median.

Annual Meeting

- New officers and members?
- Philip will consider being vice president if someone takes over the newsletter ad revenue collection

Membership ~ Diane Amato

- No report

Old Business ~

- King's Daughter Inn
 - Rezoning meeting rescheduled (after snow postponed the December meeting) for January 3rd
- - The UPC with Stacy and Derek Jones met and reviewed the issue but without much time
 - There may still be a K's D Sheltering organization overseeing these covenants.
 - From Preservation Durham joined us by phone

- There are covenants, historical designation, and zoning on property. Stacy's question is if the zoning changes, that will change parking and lighting, which may have less impact on neighborhood. If zoning changes it to continue use as a B&B or as a 7-unit apartment building (which is not guaranteed), then would new condos actually have less of an impact, as long as the exterior remains the same.
- Covenants can go away if it goes into bankruptcy or if there is a lien on the property, which has not happened yet.
- It is a locally historic landmark, which is difficult to remove by the City.
- Stacy suggested that there is no reason for TPNA to impede the rezoning, but should try to keep the covenants.
- Marc: the zoning commission either says change or don't change, they wouldn't be able to speak to preserving the covenants.
- Stacy: fighting the rezoning could lead to bankruptcy or a vacant property, which could lead to worse problems, especially as a luxury condo site may have less of an impact than the current B&B
- Florence Johnson (on phone from Preservation Durham): keep communication with current owners to encourage sale to supportive buyers.
- Stacy (UPC member): suggests that the board does not take a position, as letting it go ahead may be the best option, but we do not need to state our support for the rezone.
- The next action after rezoning may be more important
- 3 options for the zoning commission on 1/3/19
 - Ask for continuance (Philip supports just to give time to immediate neighbors and others to understand the situation)
 - Voice dissent for the rezoning
 - Voice support for the rezoning
 - Let it stand/Observe
- We can inform the commission that we have created UPC and talked to immediate neighbors, but we would like to request a continuance to give neighbors time to consider the issues (particularly as we have been hampered by the weather and the holidays), while we talk further with the affected neighbors. The board currently has no strong opinion on the rezoning issue.
 - Phillip moves that the president Marc that TPNA will ask for the continuance on email and Stacy will forward to the UPC and affected neighbors as appropriate.
 - Seconded by Waugh and voted unanimously
- It would take additional rezoning to make it "student" housing, but students could still individually purchase any condos.

- Northgate
 - Sears is closing
 - No new additional news

New Business ~

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Meeting adjournment: 8:39