

March 2019 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

Roll Call ~ Diane Amato, Marc Phillips, Adam McClellan, Katy Dillard, Matthew Yearout, Beth Emerson, Steve Falzano, Philip Azar

Absent ~ Stacy Murphy, Don Ball, Kevin, Bunmi Matory, Kevin Kearns

Call to order ~Diane Amato

Review of February Meeting Minutes

- Accepted

Presentation by Anne Phillips of Durham Dept of Transportation on Safety Demonstration Project on W Club

- Durham one of three cities selected for a Safe Streets/Smart Academy to a demonstration project to improve safety on a roadway.
- Trying to make the section of Club between Buchanan and Duke St.
- The Watts intersection has a relatively rate of pedestrian accidents
- The Watts bus stop is a very highly used bus stop, with a lot of people crossing there without a crosswalk.
- Meanwhile, there is also a good amount of speeding there.
- The presenter took comments and questions. They are gathering comments.

Committees:

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Domino's paid their ad bill
- Memberships are up this year
- Kevin will be taking over the ad invoicing.
- There is money for a retreat – when should we have it?
 - It is not business, but talk about the bylaws and themes.
 - Diane will send out a doodle poll for various Wednesdays [Note: March 27, 2019 was the date chosen]

Communications ~ Katy Dillard

- Adam is attempting to pay the newsletter publisher
- Print newsletter has gone to press and is starting to be delivered.

Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- Spring Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 20th.
- Steve will send out notices on listserv soon for volunteers and candy.
- DSA Octagon club will help stuff eggs.
- Steve was asked by Duke if there is an insurance issue – whether it would be Duke U. or us? He is looking into it.

Traffic ~ TBD

- We are looking for a traffic chair.
- Rebecca Romaine has been helpful before and Diane will email her about it.

INC ~ Philip Azar

- Durham is coming up with its 150 anniversary and Durham150.org is looking for nominations for awarding

TP Foundation ~ Don Ball

- Absent

Membership ~ TBD

- Looking for a new chair of the department
- Matthew Yearout volunteered to take over as chair

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

- No report

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Matthew Yearout/Paul Cardile

- Nothing new to report
- The city is asking for design input on rails to trails project

Old Business ~

Expanding Housing Choices Initiative

- Report from the UPC committee in preparation for Planning Commission meeting on March 12 (an extension will be asked for at that meeting, but may not be granted). **Need Board representation at the March 12 meeting**

- Updated information from the Planning Department can be found at:

<https://durhamnc.gov/3679/Expanding-Housing-Choices>

- The president shouted out kudos to the UPC committee
- Mimi Kessler and John Swansey
 - UPC met with board on February 19th
 - The subcommittee met with planning department, planning commission, conducted a neighborhood survey, met with other neighborhoods, and did a literature review.
 - UPC analyzed all the comments
 - The planning department stated how they had proposed initially anything that might be on the table, but then pulled back on various concerns.
 - Our letter expressed concerned but also showed support for the overall idea to increase housing options, while maintaining the livability.
 - THE PUBLISHED VERSION on February 25th
 - The mayor gave a speech on the 20th and talked about affordable housing and the EHC, but wasn't clear on the connection
 - Anthony Scott of housing Authority talked about the 5 year plan, but didn't specify the connection to EHC
 - With the final text, the planning department also issued a map
 - At INC meeting, Philip and Mimi attended and Patrick Young of Planning Department gave a presentation
 - They are trying to figure out how to get people to live here without rolling over Durham
 - The subcommittee drafted a letter for the board
 - We had asked the planning department for a 90-day delay and they declined and we can ask the planning commission for a delay on March the 12th at 5:30. Some people have said they may be open for a 30 day delay.
 - Patrick said they have had no contact yet from the eastern neighborhoods.
 - The Planning Department has met with us numerous times
 - In the letter we are asking for
 - more time and clearer explanation of changes,
 - Concern about snout houses
 - Concern about lot coverage

- Philip question – should we asking to be on a stakeholders group or is that overreaching? Should we ask them to come and address our original issues that have not be addressed? Do we run the risk of speaking for neighborhoods that we are not in?
- Now that we have seen all the neighborhoods in the map, there is a general concern that some neighborhoods have not been involved.
- Philip – the letter could ask for a 90-day extension and ask the planning department to address any original and new concerns and ask that any group that is formed to help

New Business ~

- Ilene Hadler Board Resignation - need replacement
- Adjourned at 8:47