

June 2020 TPNA Board Meeting  
Agenda  
Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm

Time: Jun 3, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86384898380>

Meeting ID: 863 8489 8380

Present: Waugh Wright, Diane Amato, Phillip Azar, Steve Falzarano, Adam McClellan, Kevinb Kearns, John Hodges-Copple, Marc Phillips, Beth Shepherd, Beth Emerson, Karalyn Colopy, Bunmi Matory, Beth Emerson, Brandon Williams, Tina Moon , Marcus Southern, Peggy

Review of May Meeting Minutes

- No changes

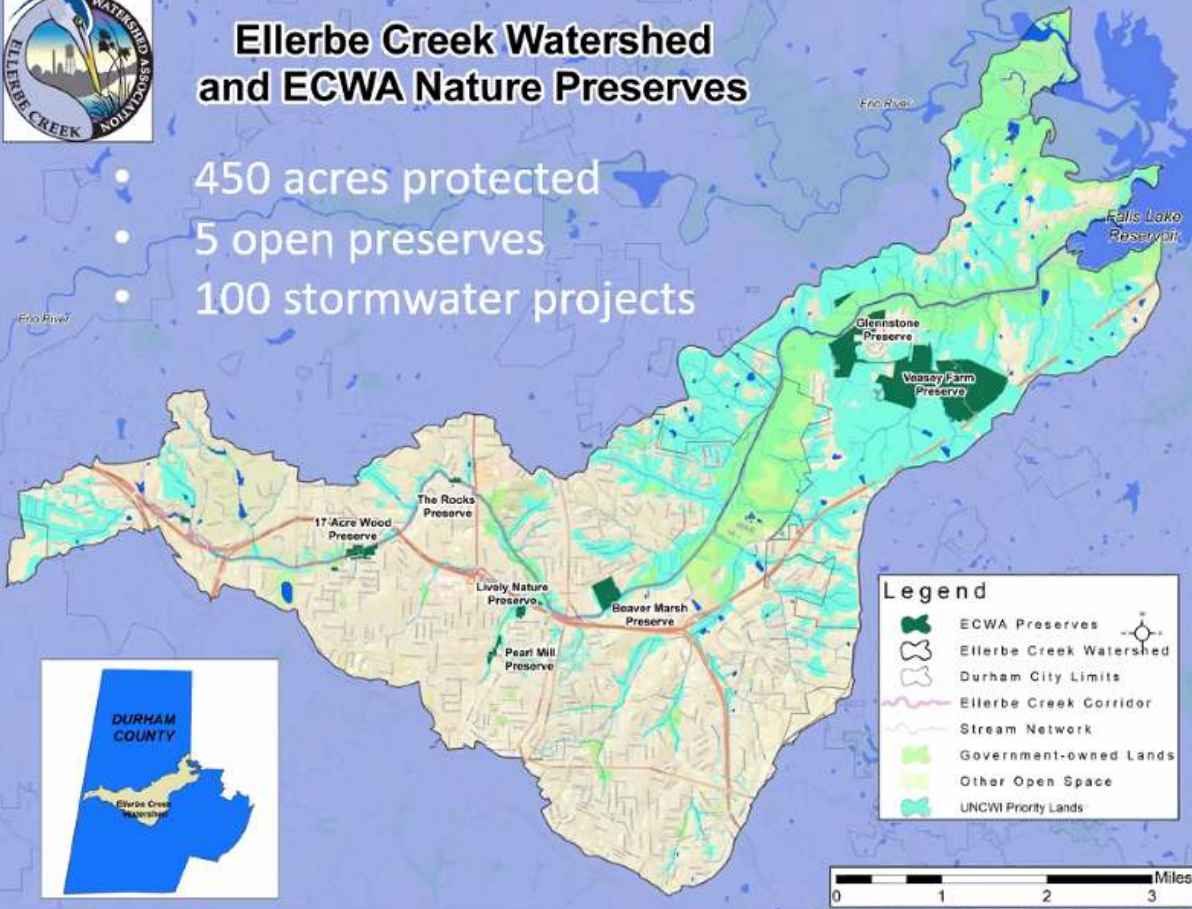
Special Guest: Rickie White, Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association Executive Director

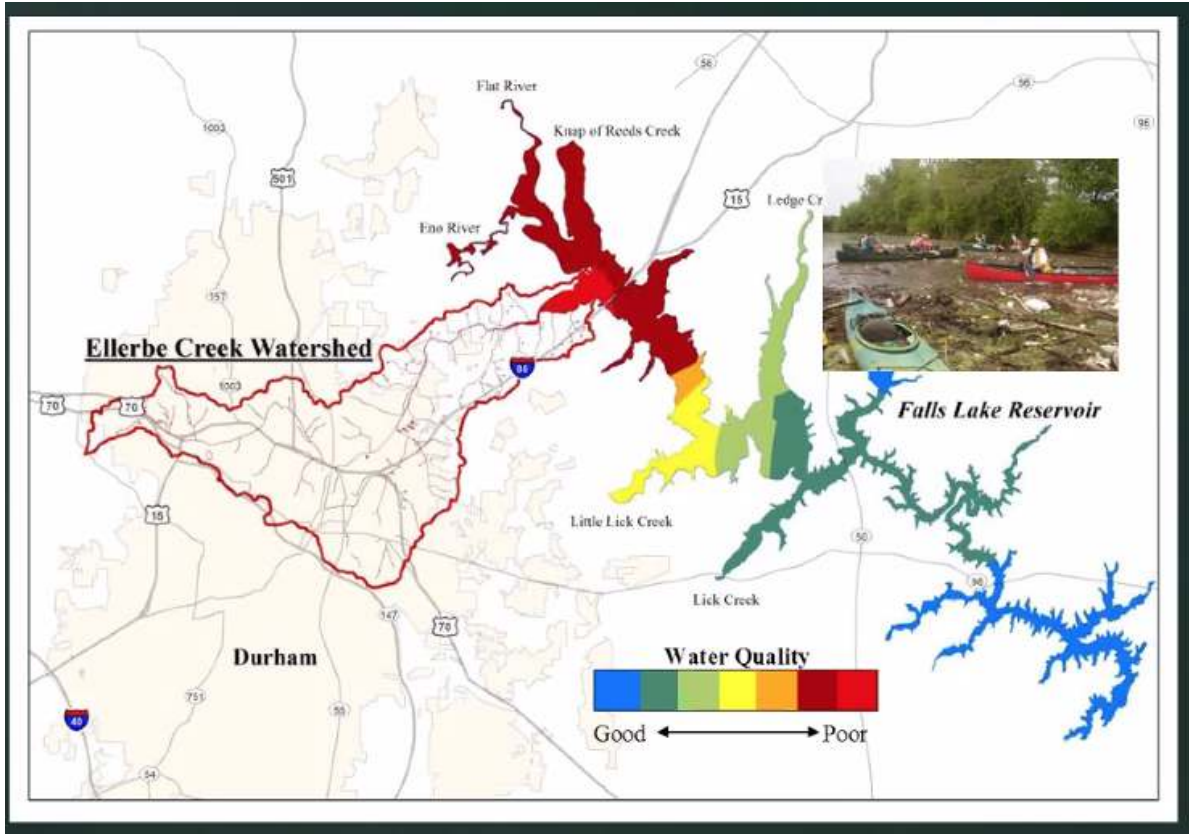
- Joined ECWA in August. ECWA update:
- Protect, Restore, Engage in Durham, for water quality and wildlife
- 5 nature reserves, including Pearl Mill and Lively Nature Preserve in or adjacent to TP
- ~30 neighborhoods they work with
- Pearl Mill Nature Reserve, with local volunteers
  - Drains much of downtown, suffering from pollution from it
  - Using stormwater management to improve the conditions
- About to start the Strayhorn Branch Enhancement.
  - Looking for a small easement for the land they don't own or the city doesn't
  - It should really cut down on the pollution in the creek.
  - They were going to do door to door engagement, but COVID stopped it.
- ECWA is trying to influence the city to improve planning processes to better protect water quality around development issues and for the stormwater system.
- Floods especially impact poorer areas of the city, especially as we get worse and worse storms and flood events.
- They always need support
  - [www.ellerbecreek.org](http://www.ellerbecreek.org)
  - Donations and volunteers are needed
- The Beaver Pageant is now virtual, which helps support the creek.
- ECWA is not directly involved in the new Trinity Park Wetlands now.
  - Will ECWA get a management contract from it?
  - Not sure, but the city seems to want full ownership of it.



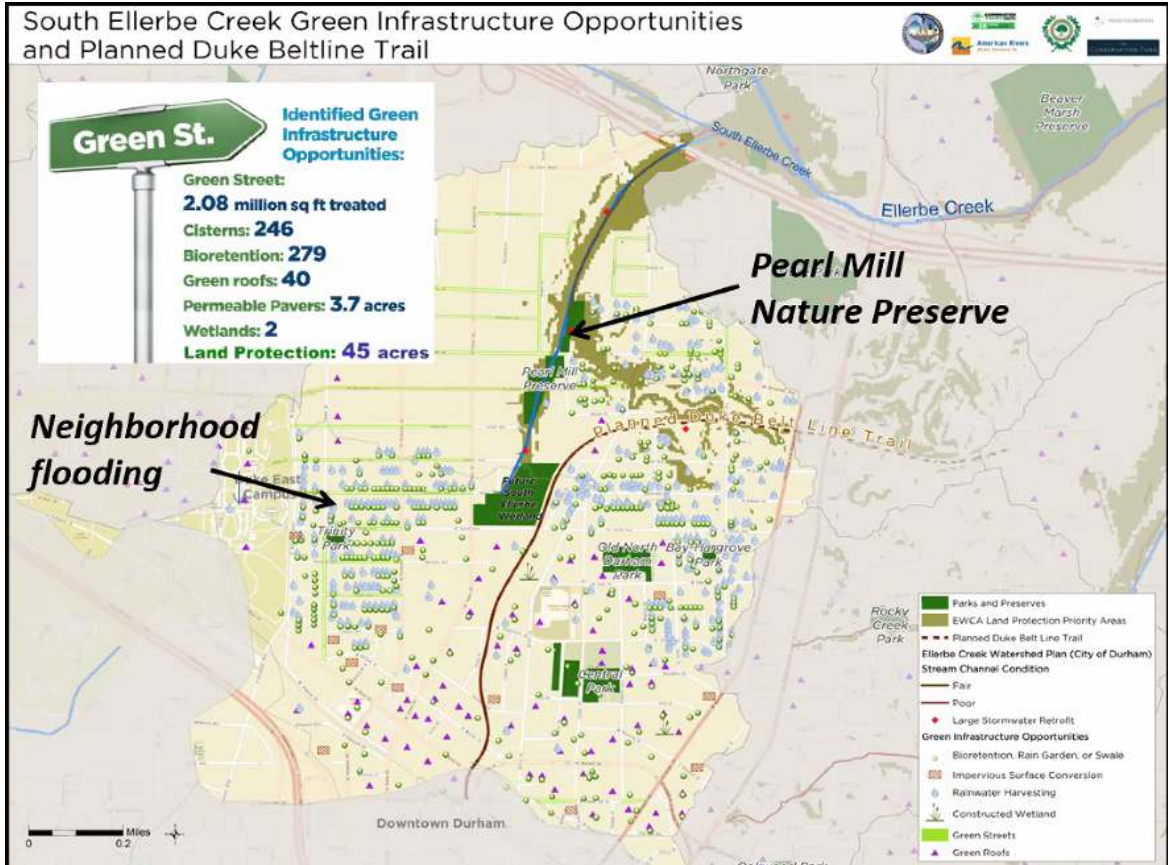
## Ellerbe Creek Watershed and ECWA Nature Preserves

- 450 acres protected
- 5 open preserves
- 100 stormwater projects





**South Ellerbe Creek Green Infrastructure Opportunities and Planned Duke Beltline Trail**



# Pearl Mill Bioretention Project



## Restoring South Ellerbe Creek Stormwater Management at Pearl Mill

Land donated by:

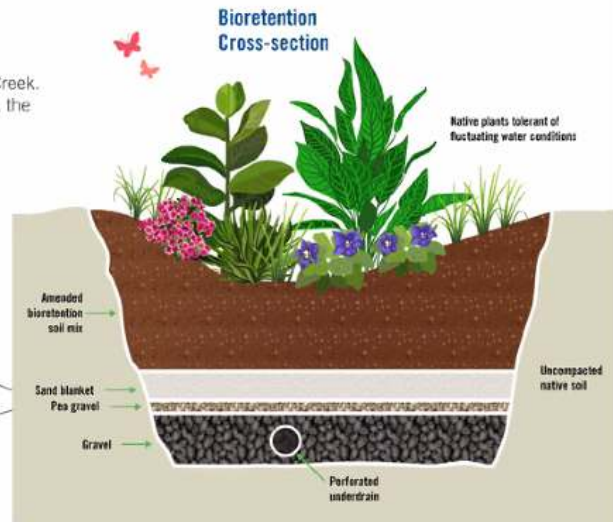
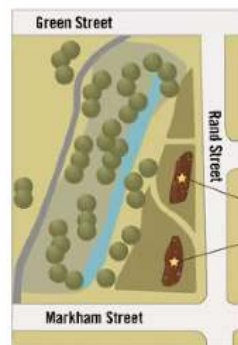


### The Problem:

The South Ellerbe Creek Tributary is the most polluted branch of Ellerbe Creek. Draining approximately 1.5 acres of impervious surface in urban Durham, the tributary has become heavily eroded over the years.

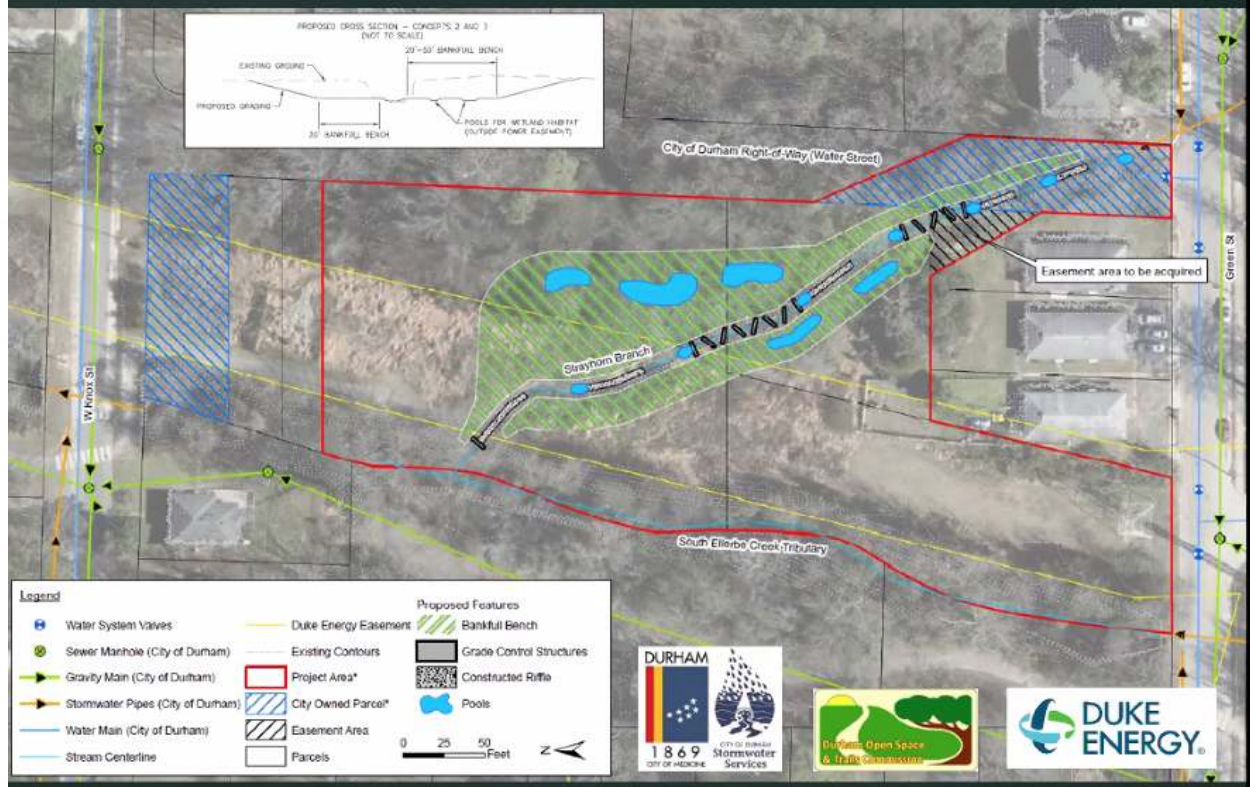
### The Solution: Bioretentions

Without any management, the stormwater that runs off Rand Street would deliver oil, sediment, and other pollutants directly to Ellerbe Creek. The bioretentions you see here filter that water through a layer of sandy soil instead, delivering clean water to the creek.





## Pearl Mill – Strayhorn Branch Enhancement



Special Guest: Brandon Williams, Walltown Community Association

- Conversation about what Walltown has been doing in regards to the sale and closure of Northgate Mall. Background info: <https://www.dataworks-nc.org/walltown>
- In 2018, when developers purchased the mall, Brandon and Marcus and others started to gather neighborhood input (and mall goers/ shop owners)
- Got 200+ responses and Dataworks helped to analyze it to present the community's vision
- Northwood closed the mall permanently at the end of april.
- The area around Planet Fitness should stay the same.
- The new timeline is unclear
- Their end of march discussion, talked about demolition starting in January and then 2 years of rehab. But now the mall has closed, so we don't know if that pushes up the timeline or not.
- Walltown is working on building up neighborhood relationships.
- Northwood owns all the land coming off of 85. They do not own the Kickback Jacks's side.
  - The Bank of America has a 99 year lease, but they would like to own it.
  - They have tried to purchase the Macy's from Duke - Walltown approves of Duke's plan to put health clinics there. It is unclear how the pandemic has affected the plan there.

- The parking decks are apparently too expensive to demolish and rebuild, so they will stay (as will the Bank of America).
- They have not released any plans.
- Walltown's Goals
  - Preserve and build wealth in the community
  - Develop and accessible, affordable, and equitable space for all, such as having 30% affordable units
- Walltown is hoping to work with the city and county to develop plans together with the developers. Bring in TP, Walltown, Trinity Heights, Old West Durham, Northgate Park, Duke Park, Braggtown
- From their INC discussion, Philip reported that the developers felt they had a lot of leeway for what they wanted to do.
- How can the city help the developers work to develop enough affordable units.
- Post-covid, they have been less interested in getting height variances approved (which gives Walltown less leverage in the discussion)
- Phillip discussed the importance of having support across neighborhoods (on a variety of issues)
- Walltown is trying to talk to neighborhoods to see what they are thinking and then maybe make a council of neighborhoods. E.g., have TPNA delegate two representatives.

#### **Develop an Accessible, Affordable, and Equitable Space for All**

1. Establish a significant portion (at least 30%) of affordable units in the property's housing plan providing first right of purchase and rental to low-income **Walltown** residents.
2. Create spaces for affordable retail, including a cooperative grocery store (opportunity for community ownership), so that residents can have nearby access to healthy food and other items needed for work, school, and home.
3. Design and enhance the built environment with consideration for pedestrian safety, environmental sustainability, and accessibility for seniors, families with children, and people of diverse abilities and socio-economic backgrounds.
4. Foster community gathering and cultural enrichment spaces, such as, the Durham Arts Council clay studio, a satellite library branch, and an interactive **Walltown** history exhibit.
5. Develop a section of the property as a transportation hub for buses and bike riders, including a Park-and-Ride serving nearby universities, hospitals, and downtown Durham.
6. Provide space for a Community Advocacy Resource Center, which can serve as a hub for neighborhood residents about city and county services, access to homeownership and renter's rights, and other information based on the interests and needs of the community.

In order to make this vision a reality, we propose that **Walltown**--along with the other Northgate Mall adjacent neighborhoods--engage in **a six-month collaborative planning process** with Northwood Investors, Duke University and the City of Durham.

After the Walltown representatives left, Mimi Kessler shared that the Planning Commission just (in the last few minutes) decided to delay the two Braggtown adjacent projects that are going on.

## Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Have gotten in some ad revenues, a little behind on memberships, but fine.
- Few costs accrued this month.
- Still unsure of what happens through the rest of the year, but we still have a year's left of reserves if worse comes to worst. There is approximately \$16,000.
- Current cash flow is positive \$4000

TPNA Treasurers Report Updated 05.06.2020

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2020 Actual	2020 Forecast	2020 Budget	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	
TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION																				
2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT																				
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<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>																				
Membership Dues	315.00		405.00	540.00	200.00	25.00							985.00		1,500.00	3,250.00	3,000.00	1,495.00	3,065.00	
Newsletter Sponsorship and Ads				\$3,000.00		1,000.00							4,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,750.00	7,500.00	
Other Income	1,100.00												1,100.00		1,100.00	100.00		1.00	1,179.15	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	1,415.00	0.00	405.00	\$3,040.00	200.00	1,025.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,085.00		10,600.00	13,850.00	11,000.00	10,246.00	11,494.15	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>																				
Newsletter													0.00		3,250.00	3,210.16	3,250.00	3,110.16	3,227.37	
Meeting Space (to Watts PTA)													0.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
INC Membership				\$25.00									25.00		25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	
Insurance				\$698.00									698.00		1,093.00	1,093.00	744.00	698.00	744.00	
PO Box Fee			106.00										106.00		100.00	92.00	90.00	82.00	96.00	
Bank and Check Fee													0.00		0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	75.00	
Crosswalk Flags		40.54											40.54		75.00	0.00	75.00	44.51		
Annual Meeting	58.51												58.51		75.00	72.04	75.00	68.00	56.68	
Board Retreat		592.80											592.80		450.00	447.74	350.00	447.74	351.48	
Web Site hosting and maint.			15.16	\$94.60									109.76		110.00	101.16	110.00	102.15	61.48	
Secretary Supplies, Postage													0.00		50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	48.00	
Volunteer Recognition													0.00		100.00	0.00	100.00	48.38	112.88	
Legal													0.00		0.00	0.00	100.00			
PayPal	8.16		0.74		6.10								15.00		40.00	97.42	40.00	36.00	86.37	
Spring Egg Hunt			165.62	\$85.43									231.05		500.00	397.70	500.00	471.84	433.31	

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## Communications ~ Kevin Kearns

- Some outstanding sponsors, but have gotten some in.
- We are owed \$3000
- The next newsletter will be a little late (not in June)
- He will send an outline tomorrow.
- We might reach out to the sponsors about what they are doing now
- Talk about Northgate

## Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- Still figuring if Durham is doing the National Night Out or not. Would be August 4th, if it happens.

## Traffic ~ Beth Emerson

- Watts Street is under construction this week with sidewalks and sidewalk ramps.
- TPNA gave a letter of support for the downtown loop meeting.
- Diane had conversation with police about the motorcyclist - the police don't want to intervene, but say that neighbors should call 911.
  - 911 calls show it is an issue.

- Can we make outreach with the groups or related groups, without involving the police? Phillip will look into it.

#### INC ~ Philip Azar

- Philip needs instructions on how to vote on the covid resolution that he shared on email.
- INC had discussions on if they should deal with noise resolution with so much else going on in the country.
- He was given consensus to support the resolution

#### Membership ~ Beth Sheppard

- Membership has been slow, but Beth will get on people to renew.

#### Old Business ~

- Listserv migration - Mimi
  - Mimi talked to other neighborhoods who have migrated to IO, Northgate Park and Old North Durham
  - Northgate Park moved everyone over and everyone then had to validate the emails, taking about 5 hours.
  - Old North Durham sent an email, asking users to signup, with very clear instructions, first to unsubscribe from the old list, which means there was two weeks of two lists.
  - Mimi thinks we should ask people to do the move themselves, which will allow those who don't want to be on it, to not be on.
  - There has not been an em`ail to the listserv about it yet. Mimi is proposing that we send it to the list serv.
  - We will test on the board
- Kevin will look at doing a cost sheet for less expensive adds

#### New Business ~

- Beth suggested putting a list of TP graduates in the newsletter
- The TP Foundation is interested in having sub-pages on the TPNA website, including a button that allows people to donate to the Foundation.
  - Umbrella organizations usually take a cut of 5% or so when the money is passed through. Here it will not be passed through.
  - Should we just charge for website use or ask for an appropriate cut?
  - We can work with the foundation to get the button ready and get the agreement with the foundation written up.

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We will adjourn until August 5th. 8:59