

October 2020 TPNA Board Meeting
Agenda
Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm

Time: Oct 7, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 815 4490 3044

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Attendees: Diane Amato, Adam McClellan, Waugh Wright, Philip Azar, Michael Forhez, Steve Falzarano, Beth Shepherd, Beth Emerson, Mimi Kessler

Absent: Marc Philips, Stacy Murphy

Review of September Meeting Minutes

-approved with Marc's change that Mimi currently approves list serv membership

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- No new income from newsletter (hoping on Duke School and Domino's)
- Many memberships coming in
- Ahead of goal for year (much fewer expenses)
- Paid off newsletter
- Adam will bring a draft budget for November to give more time to prepare

Communications ~ Kevin Kearns

- Newsletter is out
- Should the next one be a Year in Review?
 - Bigger than normal (last one was smaller than normal)
 - The foundation, Morgan Imports closing, etc.
 - We talked about giving the sponsors a bit more real estate.
 - Self-help and Duke School are still interested

Advertisers - Stacy

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Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- The City of Durham now has its Halloween guidelines, based on the state's guidelines.
- Nothing banned, everything discouraged
- The city may give more guidelines around the 10th (but maybe they already have?)

- We will share a specific email to the listserv that there will be no festivities at Trinity Park and everyone should read the City's guidelines
- No one has expressed an interest so far in Luminaries
 - Could the hosts deliver the set up to people's houses, like in Greensboro?
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Traffic ~ Beth Emerson

- No update
- Will gather information for the newsletter
- Sidewalk improvements are mostly done for the year

Home Tour ~ Stacy Murphy

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INC ~ Philip Azar

- The slate of officers and board members was reelected.
- They are trying to expand into new neighborhoods
- (Mimi) The Development Agreement was passed. The planning commission said they didn't like it, but then they wrote it for new developments to help with affordable housing.
 - There is no guarantee that they will build the affordable housing, but if they don't within a certain amount of time they can buy the property for \$10.
 - Many decisions seem to be made before they get to the commission, without public overlook

TP Foundation ~ Shelley Dekker

- Don Ball has moved on and moved out.

Membership ~ Beth Sheppard

- Killin' it
- All is well in membership

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

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South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Paul Cardile

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Old Business ~

- Listserv migration - Mimi
 - Mimi did a great job and continues to.

- 594 members

Northgate Development (Vaughn Wright and Adam/Leslie McCellan) -

- Leslie McCellan has replaced Adam McClellan on the Northgate Mall Neighborhood Council. We have been meeting virtually, took a walking tour of the site, and conducted a charette (see below).
- The developers, or, more accurately a neighborhood communication team they have hired, held an on-line meeting to discuss the development.
- The following is a very rough idea of what the developers are thinking of currently.



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- They are having difficulties getting buy-in from commercial entities, due to the current situation.
- The offices along I-85 could be 12 stories high, although that would require exemptions.
- They said they would like to do significant affordable housing, but would require exemptions from the city to make some of the buildings taller than 3 stories.
- The following is the timeline they presented:

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Conversations with Community about impact & the future plans.



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- Here's a recap of the 2nd day of the charrette that Brandon Williams and the Walltown Neighborhood Association organized, working with Marcia McNally, Randy Hester, the faculty/student team from the NC State College of Design, and Wib Gulley.
- Work on day two lasted for about four hours and was divided into three segments: resource presentations, Randy Hester sharing design sketches he created for the site, and the neighborhood reps doing a second round with the design map.
- Members of three organizations joined the meeting serving as "resource participants." These were Sara Young and Bo Dobrzanski from the Durham Planning Department, Mayme Webb-Bledsoe and Eliza Mathew of the Duke Office of Durham & Community Affairs, and Rickie White and Robert Meehan from the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association. Each group shared a bit about their area of expertise regarding the site.
- Along with Walltown and Trinity Park, Northgate Park, Duke Park, Old West Durham and Watts-Hillandale neighborhood associations all had at least one rep at the Saturday charrette. Participants came together at the end of the day, with each of us sharing our three top priorities for the site. Neighbors were supportive of the six priorities previously identified by the Walltown Neighborhood Association, and the group shared a strong focus on affordable housing and useful/diversified green spaces and walkability. Affordable retail also was frequently identified as a top priority.
- **Next steps:**
 - Brandon and the rest of the Walltown Neighborhood Association will work with Marcia McNally and the design team to use the priorities generated during the charrette to create a set of three design proposals for the site.
 - When this has been accomplished, Brandon will be back in touch with the Council. He'll want us to then share the design options among residents of the neighborhoods.

Adjourned at 7:45

