

September 2020 TPNA Board Meeting
Agenda
Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 pm

Time: Sep 2, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88055940552>

Meeting ID: 880 5594 0552

Passcode: 577215

Present: Waugh Wright, Diane Amato, Marc Philips, Adam McClellan, Philip Azar, Karalyn Colopy, Mimi Kessler, Beth Shepherd, Mary Molina, Steve Falzarano, Matt Abadie

Absent: Beth Emerson, Bunmi Matory

Review of August Meeting Minutes

- No revisions

Listserv ~ Mimi Kessler

- The migration is complete
- ~480 people on the new list serv
- Some people have complained that they haven't been able to unsubscribe to the old one
- Mimi has updated various settings that should help and will send "Tips and Tricks" to the group (set up an account, muting topics, hash tags, images, etc.)
- Mimi will remain as the technical person, as well as a monitor along with Marc and Diane
- Do we need to approve each person who joins the listserv?
 - Currently Mimi is required to approve each person. We will return to this in the future if it becomes burdensome or unwieldy.
- What is the role for the listserv in debates on topics that may be controversial? In the past there have been some subgroups on different topics.
 - Having the ability to mute the topic is useful, if people realize they can do that
 - Philip mention that some people in Watts-Hillendale took some classes on how to improve these on-line discussions, but that takes work.
 - It takes a lot of work to moderate
 - On the old listserv, Mimi knows of only one person who was kicked off
 - We should moderate if people are attacking someone
 - Hot topics tend to fizzle out, without too much trouble on our list serv.
- We will delete the existing Yahoo subgroups

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Still waiting for some newsletter sponsorships, but not hopeful for the big ones we haven't gotten yet.
- Some long time sponsors are having financial troubles and/or going out of business
- Having brought \$1,200 forward from last year has helped, and we still have the reserves
- Still need to give money to the foundation
- Rough forecast we should break even, less money coming in, but spending less on events.

TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
<DATE>

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2019 Actual
OPERATING INCOME															
Membership Dues	315.00		405.00	540.00	200.00	25.00		200.00	200.00				1,385.00	1,500.00	1,250.00
Newsletter Sponsorship and Ads				53,000.00		1,000.00							4,000.00	8,000.00	5,500.00
Other Income	1,100.00												1,100.00	1,100.00	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,415.00	0.00	405.00	53,040.00	200.00	1,025.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,485.00	10,500.00	12,850.00
OPERATING EXPENSE															
Newsletter									802.54				802.54	3,250.00	3,250.15
Meeting Space (to Watts PTA)													0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
INC Membership				525.00									25.00	25.00	0.00
Insurance				5698.00									698.00	1,093.00	1,093.00
PO Box Fee			106.00										106.00	100.00	92.00
Bank and Check Fee													0.00	0.00	0.00
Crosswalk Flags		40.54											40.54	75.00	0.00
Annual Meeting	58.51												58.51	75.00	72.94
Board Retreat		592.80											592.80	450.00	447.74
Web Site hosting and maint.			15.16	594.60									109.76	110.00	101.16
Secretary Supplies, Postage													0.00	50.00	0.00
Volunteer Recognition													0.00	100.00	0.00
Legal													0.00	0.00	0.00
PayPal	8.16		0.74		6.10				6.48				21.48	40.00	97.42
Spring Egg Hunt			165.62	565.43									231.05	500.00	597.70
Durham Symphony sponsorship													0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Symphony Chair Rentals													0.00	500.00	500.00
National Night Out													0.00	500.00	452.77
Halloween													0.00	500.00	317.94
Community Building - Other													0.00	200.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	66.67	633.34	287.52	5883.03	6.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	809.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,685.68	10,068.00	9,482.83
GROSS CASH FLOW	1,348.33	-633.34	117.48	\$2,156.97	193.90	1,025.00	0.00	200.00	-609.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,799.32	532.00	3,267.17
ROLL TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET (membership balancing)													0.00	0.00	1,100.00
TRANSFER TO TFF (donations)															2,267.17
NET CASH FLOW (GOAL: REVENUE NEUTRAL)													3,799.32		

Communications ~ Kevin Kearns

- There is one thing coming in to him soon and then will get the next newsletter out.
- The longer one will be a year in review and a highlight of Morgan Imports

Community Building ~ Steve Falzarano

- On a hiatus from all events.
- In this newsletter, we will say that there is no event. We won't stop people from gathering in the park.
- Could we encourage Halloween decorations (and a contest), but then an encourages people to go and visit (and probably think they have candy)
- Steve will look to see if the City/Count has any Halloween guidelines

INC ~ Philip Azar

- July's minutes were submitted by Philip
- SEE BELOW
- The Braggtown community won their fight against rezoning.

Membership ~ Beth Sheppard

- \$115 away from membership

Old Business ~

- Northgate Development (Waugh Wright and Adam McCellan) -
 - Waugh and Adam met with the neighborhood group. There will be a charette to talk about the vision for Northgate on the 19th.
- Diane and Philip and Marc will start looking into a nominating committee for next year's slate.
- DDNP - visioning -Diane
 - See below
 - The board felt that traffic calming is a TP issue, as would be noise (e.g., traffic/bike noise).
 - Also Invest in People to Stop Displacement
 - Neighborhoods Supporting Each Communication

DDNP Visioning Workshop Product

Through a brainstorming session, DDNP community leaders developed a shared vision focused on community needs and priorities. Together the group worked to answer this question:

As a partnership, what community needs and priorities should we focus our efforts and resources on for the next 2 to 3 years?

Equity and Justice	Health and Safety	Education	Neighborhood Communication Tools	People First Development	Respect and Preserve History
Preventing harm while black community prospers	Safety, package delivery, walking, and security	Extension of Crest Street's Tutorial Program	How to unify the neighbors	Affordable housing	Capture the neighborhood history for all to know
Practice working to reduce racism and encourage diversity	Access to COVID-19 supplies (masks, PPE, etc.)	COVID-19 education for neighborhood residents and non-profits	Surveying residents to understand what priorities are	Preserving and creating green space and tree canopy	Respecting neighborhood and city history (a way to preserve it)
Reparations for black and brown communities	Traffic calming efforts for school kids		Collaborations within the neighborhood and revving boards	No predatory real estate lending and policing	
Repent and Repair	Traffic mitigation and service improvement (speed bumps, trash-pick, etc.)		Neighborhoods supporting each other through communication	Help neighborhoods organize against development pressures	
				Investment in people to stop displacement	
				Develop relationship with DHA to say away of new construction and have more social integration	
				Work with city manage to get new planning director who favors residents	
				Improved homeowner/renter dynamic. Understanding position and concerns of renters	

INC MINUTES

July 28, 2020 7-9PM

Attending the meeting were:

Neighborhoods

Cross Counties – Pat Carstensen

Falconbridge – Richard Ford

Forest Hills – Ellen Pless

Long Meadow – Pakis Bessias, Tina Bessias

Merrick-Moore – Bonita Green

Morehead Hill – Rochelle Araujo

Northgate Park – Keith Cochran, Debra Hawkins, Dan Singer

Old West Durham – Vicky Welch

Trinity Park – Philip Azar, Mimi Kessler

Trappers Creek / Greymoss – Will Wilson

Tuscaloosa-Lakewood – Susan Sewell

Visitors

Annette Smith – DPR and Durham Parks Foundation

Derek Bowens – Director of Elections

Phil Lehman – Chair, Board of Elections

Sheila Huggins – Friends of Durham

Lynwood Best – City of Durham, NIS

Gary Foureman, Amanda Smith, Gail Lloyd, Joe, Patti R, Petra, Doug

Roach, Courtney Kelly, Rosemarie, Gerri McGuire

Will Wilson welcomed those “present” and folks introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes – Phil moved to approve the minutes, Susan seconded. This passed. Susan moved that we re-open the Covid-19 resolution so that Northgate Park can vote yes, Pat seconded, and the resolution was re-passed.

November Elections – At the Board of Elections (BOE) meeting last week, the BOE approved a robust early voting plan. A lot of work has been done to make voting safe, fair, and as efficient as possible, and they have been making a lot of progress. Our primary election was early enough that we didn’t have the mess we saw in other states. We are looked as a leader around the state in terms of preparation; Derek Bowens has been called in to advise others at the state and national level.

For those who choose to vote in person, BOE will provide masks and individual pens, have social distance markers, and have monitors. Election workers will have face shields and gloves. They are putting together a lot of signs. They’ve bought hundreds of gallons of hand sanitizer and lots of wipes. There will be electrostatic spraying and deep cleaning of enclosures each day. Voters will not be required to wear masks to get in (it’s the law), but masks will be available and encouraged. There will be 14 sites for early voting over 17 days beginning October 15 with lots of hours; some sites can be used as overflow sites because they are close to the high-volume sites like South Library. BOE will direct folks to the large supplemental sites in the event there are lines. Sites will be open every day until 7:30 pm except for the final Saturday when they close at 3 pm. Know your ballot before you go – get a sample ballot – so you can get in, mark the ballot and get out. Curbside will be available, but please don’t abuse the privilege as it is supposed to be for those who can’t go inside the polling place rather than those who won’t.

Absentee by mail was changed recently, the biggest change being that only 1 witness is required. Effective September 1st, there will be an on-line portal to request an absentee by mail ballot, which is both

convenient and will do some pre-checking to make sure that all the required data is entered and coherent. Durham BOE has ordered 60K envelopes (about 160K voted in Durham in 2016). They have already processed over 6000 requests for absentee by ballots; there are 500 more sitting in the queue to have data entered. If you have questions about the status of your request, call the office; the law changed so only the voter or a close relative can ask about the status. They will start sending absentee ballots out September 4th so you can hold off on sending in request for ballot until then, or do it now so that you don't forget. Just don't wait until the last 3 weeks – do it before early voting starts. What goes on behind the scenes is pretty complicated in terms verifying that all the fields are filled out and completing all the required processes. The board approves “prep steps” for absentee ballots as they come in; that is, they review envelopes to make sure they are valid (and get things corrected if possible), open envelopes, and scan the ballot (not looking at the results but having a back-up copy); the ballots received before Election Day are put through the tabulator starting that afternoon so the results should be available soon after polls close. If you don't get your requested ballot by Election Day, you can vote in person. If you do get a ballot and change your mind about doing absentee, you can still go to the polls (they would prefer that you bring the absentee ballot to the polls so they keep it with the controlled pile of spoiled ballots).

On staffing and plans for precinct polling places, they know they will need a lot of workers for the precincts and early voting, but they have had a huge surge in applications and believe they will be fully staffed with adequate backup. As a contingency, they are working with temporary agency if some workers cannot show up. They are working on bigger spaces, such as in gyms for school polling places.

On other matters, there are registration and absentee ballot request forms outside the office; they will also give you up to 200 registration forms if you ask in advance. If someone has changed their name, they can update info by sending in a new registration form, by filling out the “name change” part of the ballot application or by getting it done when they go to the polls. You can watch the BOE meetings; check the website. Sample ballots will be out soon; they are still making sure there are no typos.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Space/Trees reductions –The whole bundle of proposed changes was sent to the subcommittee, which has been having meetings to discuss it. The trees and open space parts were removed, but it still has reductions in yard space.

Single-family definition – The same developer asked that the 3-unrelated-person rule should be replaced by a 6-unrelated-person rule. The subcommittee is also considering this. Probably we need a more flexible rule that perhaps considers floorspace and location and is not so easy to elude by tactics like renting by the room.

New Business:

Statutory Development Agreement Text Amendment – Statutory development agreements are details in the zoning map that are negotiated between the governing bodies and the developer. What is being proposed would allow underlying zoning to be changed (or operate in lieu of zoning) and essentially bypass the Planning Commission thereby bypassing citizen review until it is before the governing body which is essentially no opportunity for review or comment before the deal is sealed. The Planning Commission will look at a different draft on Aug 4th at their special meeting. It also pertains to a specific project that is offering 82 affordable housing on Farrington Rd near NC54. The proposal would change the citizens to participation substantially. Please comment to the Planning Commission, which is trying to improve it, and to elected officials. In commenting, please reference the case number (TC2000003) to distinguish it from the specific development proposal being expedited. Contact Mimi Kessler (mimikessler1@gmail.com) for details about what to comment. The proposal is at <https://durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32561/TC2000003-Development-Agreements>

Nominating Committee – Will, Phil, Tom will work on getting a slate together.

Neighborhood Reports and Announcements

On the Duke Party House resolution, the progress that had been done will be continued.

Get your census count in

Check out Playmore (<https://www.dprplaymore.org/200/Play-More-Guide>) – they are updating programs a lot, doing some summer camp

Merrick Moore Community has been working closely with residents of Milan Woods, Landon Woods and North East Hills as this development will affect them, with environmental issues i.e. flooding. The developer is planning to open streets into these neighborhoods that should relieve some of the traffic from Cheek Rd. We were given a date of September 15th to return to the planning commission. There is already a full agenda for that date, the planning commission agreed to add an additional date for September but that date has not been determined.

Northgate Food Truck Rodeos are virtual, but they are encouraging folks to pass on the posts about ways to support the food truck community.

Topics for future: what we are doing about folks losing housing and utilities, equity task force, taking street space to increase outdoor seating,

Adjourn