

September 2021 TPNA Board Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Waugh Wright, James Dobbin, Steve Doron, Claudia Cobiانchi, Karalyn Colopy, Mollie Flowe, Beth Emerson, Missy Crawford-Smith, Adam McClellan, Beth Sheppard, Kevin Kearns, Diane Amato, Cavett French, Laurie Williamson, Mimi Kessler, Nossen Fellig, Jennifer Franklin, Caroline Black, Bunmi Fatoye-Matory

Guest presentation ~ Rabbi Nossen Fellig of Chabad at Duke

- Plans for the former King's Daughters Inn
- Working on restoring the place and meet the standards of TP and its history
 - Lots of painting, repairing leaks and pillars and the like. Mostly working on landscaping outside now.
- Working to create a home away from home for students at Duke, to help them engage with their students
- Duke has not had a strict kosher kitchen, which can help students who might not have otherwise chosen Duke
- He welcomes neighbors to come by and visit and learn more about it.
- The second floor will be rented out to short term rentals (Airbnb)- there are 13 units.
- Generally a few students a day during the week, but busier on Friday nights and on Jewish holidays. During the pandemic, they are doing more services outside, up to 150 students at times.

Review of July (special) Meeting Minutes

- Still need to transcribe minutes (there was no August meeting)

Treasurer's Report ~ Adam McClellan

- Will pay the board insurance
- Good membership this month
- \$262 for National Night Out
- \$104 for website
- \$25 for INC
- Adam found a bank account with \$6000
 - Could it be for the Foundation? Doesn't seem to, but Adam will ask around.
- Over budget so far for newsletter and no checks from advertisers yet, although Kevin expects they will.
 - Diane and Adam will help Kevin approach them

TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION															
2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT															
07/07/21															
OPERATING INCOME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Budget	2020 Actual
OPERATING EXPENSE															
Newsletter			802.54				1,016.89					1,819.43	2,220.00	3,250.00	1,358.18
Meeting Space (to Watts Elementary)												0.00	125.00	1,000.00	0.00
INC Membership												0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Insurance				\$279.20				423.80				703.00	698.00	1,093.00	698.00
PO Box Fee			134.00									134.00	106.00	100.00	106.00
Bank and Check Fee												0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crosswalk Flags												0.00	75.00	75.00	40.54
Annual Meeting												0.00	0.00	75.00	58.51
Board Retreat												0.00	0.00	450.00	592.80
Web Site hosting and maint.												0.00	110.00	110.00	109.76
Secretary Supplies, Postage												0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Volunteer Recognition												0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Legal												0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PayPal	12.37	6.32	7.13	\$18.43	11.82			11.39				67.46	40.00	40.00	32.10
Spring Egg Hunt												0.00	0.00	500.00	231.05
Durham Symphony- sponsorship												0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Symphony Chair Rentals												0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
National Night Out							261.81					261.81	400.00	500.00	0.00
Halloween												0.00	401.00	500.00	0.00
Community Building - Other												0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	12.37	6.32	943.67	5297.63	11.82	0.00	1,278.70	435.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,985.70	4,300.00	10,068.00	3,251.04

- Julia Borbely-Brown was interested if there is money in the budget for t-shirts to help recruit volunteers for environmental activities.
 - There is \$100 for volunteer recognition

Communications ~ Kevin Kearns

- Newsletter update
 - Newsletter out in July and now working on the next one (for November)
 - Start thinking about story ideas
- Should we have more social media posts in the meantime??
 - Karalyn will call a communications sub-committee meeting soon.
- Advertisers

Community Building ~ Waugh Wright/Steve Falzarano

- National Night Out on August 3rd
 - Five officers came and around 30 neighbors and a council woman or two and someone from County Parks & Rec and the interim police chief.
 - Ate lots of burgers and dogs
 - Lots of donations for school supplies
- Halloween will be the next event

Traffic ~ Beth Emerson

- No news to report
- One member said how Watts needs to be repaved.
 - Durham OneCall was recommended as a resource for potholes at least.

INC ~ Philip Azar

- Report on resolution about utility work
 - INC approved a resolution about the fiber optic disruption and sent it to the mayor and city council. The mayor replied and is nudging the city manager to act upon it.
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TP Foundation ~ Shelley Dekker

- 3 foundation board members are creating a website and paypal account to launch a fundraising campaign.
- Working on finding a landscaper for park and looking to replace old utility pole in park
- Blossom club has been watering the plants
- Working on litter collection through neighborhood

Membership ~ Beth Sheppard

- Memberships keep rolling in

Safety ~ Ron Gallagher

- No news to report

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands ~ Mollie / Scott

- No news to report

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership ~ Karalyn

- 3 grants from Duke we are involved with and we just finished spending the money
- Trinity Park Foundation - art signage
 - Three bronze plaques to be mounted on art pieces in the park
- George Watts - improve drainage in rain gardens
 - Had a work day on July 17th and had about 20 people come out and help with help from ECWA
 - The money was spent on a landscaping company to help shore up the soil itself.
- ECWA - cultural signage and hiring summer employee to help with outreach and invasive removal
 - The signs should be up in October

Old Business ~

- Verizon / utility work
 - We had a special meeting in July with neighbors, Verizon, and the city.
 - We created a resolution which was sent to the mayor, city council, city manager, and the INC (who thereafter created their own)
 - As they were mostly on vacation, the city responded more to the INC resolution
 - The City Manager's office is aware and is supposed to get back to us.

- Dan Vallero from Verizon (and a rep from Globe) has been responding to Karalyn when she has spoken to him.

New Business ~

- Guest speakers for upcoming meetings?
 - No one was suggested, but ideas are encouraged
- Listserv etiquette - additional enforcement needed?
 - There have been some heated discussions, with some negative tones.
 - We have a moderator and administrators, but should the president or someone else be intervening.
 - One particular person has had numerous complaints about him. Mimi has informed that the listserv is watched, but he has yet to cross the line. Snide and sarcastic is allowed, so far, although we say to be courteous
 - Two people in 30 years have been removed from the listserv.
 - Should we change the guidelines? Should we add members to “moderated status”?
 - There are also lengthy threads - we might want to remind people that topics can be muted.
 - Karalyn will work with Mimi to help moderation
 - The board will review the guidelines
- Nominations for next year
 - Adam, Waugh, Beth Emerson, and Kevin are terming out
 - A committee of members and president and v-president will work on a slate
 - Can we work to get a more representative slate of board members

Adjourned at 8:08