

January 2021 TPNA Annual Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, January 6th at 7:30pm  
Zoom

Attendees: Waugh Wright, Diane Amato, Philip Azar, Marc Phillips, Missy Crawford-Smith, Mollie Flow, Karalyn Colopy, Beth Shepherd, James Dobbins, Adam McClellan, Kevin Kearns, Beth Emerson, Deborah Dobbins, Steve Falzarano, Mimi Kessler, Elizabeth Healy, Caroline Black, Andy Stewart, Peggy Kennedy, Susan Caddell, Megan Mullin, Jenny Levine, Lois W., Joe Colopy, Ron Gallagher, Steph Wilson,

Nomination

- Nominating Committee: Diane Amato, Philip Azar, Marc Phillips, Deb Dobbins
- Board members leaving: Philip Azar, Don Ball, Steve Falzarano, Marc Phillips

Slate: New members to vote in:

Karalyn Colopy: President (2 year term)  
Mollie Flowe: Vice President (2 year term)  
James Dobbins: board director (3 year term)  
Scott Doron: board director (3 year term)  
Missy Crawford-Smith: board director (3 year term)  
Caroline Black: board director (2 year term)  
Laurie Williamson: board director (1 year term)

Existing members:

Adam McClellan: Treasurer  
Waugh Wright: Secretary  
Diane Amato: Past President  
Beth Emerson: board member  
Beth Shepherd: board member  
Kevin Kearns: board member

- A motion was made to accept the new slate and seconded
  - All voted aye, with no nays.

Minutes

- Annual Meeting 2020

- No changes were suggested and the minutes were accepted

## 2020 Recap and new president introduction – Diane Amato

- The outgoing president gave kind words to all those board members who have left or are now leaving the board, including Don Ball, Philip Azar, Marc Phillips, and Steve Falzarano
- The pandemic forced us to cancel all events, including the Home Tour.
- We continued with virtual meetings, including guests from
  - Preservation Durham
  - Ellerbee Creek Foundation
  - Wall Town / Northgate developments
  - Duke Catholic Center
- We were members of the Duke Neighborhood Partnership to help envision goals for the next few years

## Guest Speaker: Dale McKeel of Durham Bike and Ped

- Watts Street Shared Street Program
  - Barricades have been placed at the major intersections on Watts Street in October
  - Part of a nationwide movement, particularly with Covid, to have more space for outdoor activities and there was a push from many Durham residents to do them here.
  - They did a door hanger survey to all the residences on Watts.
  - The City is designating neighborhood bike routes right now (slower traffic streets) and Watts is part of that network and seemed to be a good candidate for this as well Glendale.
  - The initial plan was to leave them up until the Spring, but we want to get feedback from the neighborhood before that, both Watts and TP.
    - Are there ways to improve it?
    - Should it be more permanent?
  - There are several “street champions” to inform the City of any issues (e.g., moving in high winds, due to all the signs)
  - It is a “soft closure” but is still used for locals, deliveries, emergency services, etc.
  - Questions
    - Why aren’t there more signs?
      - The barricades are fairly expensive, but maybe an intermediate sign/barricade could be used to inform cars at other intersections
    - Are there pre/post traffic counts?
      - Yes, with a few resource shifts
    - If it becomes permanent with flower beds or something similar, who will maintain them?

- thank you
  - Looking at the bike route plan, it says there might be additional road signage, which might be useful?
    - There will be some directional/destination signs
  - When you do the surveys remember that a sizable benefit is for Watts kids, who aren't there now.
  - Is there any plan for reducing speed on Duke/Gregson?
    - There are some people looking into it
- East End Connector (which will now be I-885) is now planned to open in the summer and how will that affect G/D?
  - Can the City proactively try to reroute traffic with the connector opens?
    - The new I-885 designation may help

Treasurer – Adam McClellan  
 ○ 2020 Recap

TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION													2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
<DATE>													2020	2020	2019
OPERATING INCOME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Actual	Budget	Actual
Membership Dues	315.00		405.00	\$40.00	200.00	25.00		200.00	200.00	225.00	40.00	0.00	1,650.00	1,500.00	3,250.00
Newsletter Sponsorship and Ads				\$3,000.00		1,000.00							4,000.00	8,000.00	9,500.00
Other Income	1,100.00												1,100.00	1,100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,415.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>405.00</b>	<b>\$3,040.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>1,025.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>225.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,750.00</b>	<b>10,600.00</b>	<b>12,850.00</b>
OPERATING EXPENSE															
Newsletter										1,358.18			1,358.18	3,250.00	3,210.16
Meeting Space (to Watts PTA)													0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
INC Membership				\$25.00									25.00	25.00	0.00
Insurance				\$698.00									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	\$94.60									109.76	110.00	101.15
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	8.85	1.77		32.10	40.00	97.42
Spring Egg Hunt			165.62	\$65.43									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	200.00	317.94
Community Building - Other													0.00	200.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>66.67</b>	<b>633.34</b>	<b>287.52</b>	<b>\$883.03</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6.48</b>	<b>1,367.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,251.94</b>	<b>10,068.00</b>	<b>9,482.83</b>
<b>GROSS CASH FLOW</b>	<b>1,348.33</b>	<b>-633.34</b>	<b>117.48</b>	<b>\$2,156.97</b>	<b>193.90</b>	<b>1,025.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>193.52</b>	<b>-1,142.03</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,498.06</b>	<b>532.00</b>	<b>3,367.17</b>
ROLL TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET (membership balancing)													0.00	0.00	1,100.00
TRANSFER TO TPF (donations)															2,267.17
<b>NET CASH FLOW (GOAL: REVENUE NEUTRAL)</b>													<b>3,498.06</b>		

oOur revenue was lower in 2020, but our expenses were lower, so we will be even once the final newsletter is settled

2021 Plans

TRINITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION													2021	2020	2020	
2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT													Budget	Budget	Actual	
<DATE>																
OPERATING INCOME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC				
Membership Dues	340.00													1,300.00	1,500.00	1,650.00
Newsletter Sponsorship and Ads														3,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Other Income														0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>340.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>10,600.00</b>	<b>6,750.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>																
Newsletter														2,220.00	3,250.00	1,358.18
Meeting Space (to Watts Elementary)														125.00	1,000.00	0.00
INC Membership														25.00	25.00	25.00
Insurance														698.00	1,093.00	698.00
PO Box Fee														106.00	100.00	106.00
Bank and Check Fee														0.00	0.00	0.00
Crosswalk Flags														75.00	75.00	40.54
Annual Meeting														0.00	75.00	58.51
Board Retreat														0.00	450.00	592.80
Web Site hosting and maint.														110.00	110.00	109.76
Secretary Supplies, Postage														0.00	50.00	0.00
Volunteer Recognition														100.00	100.00	0.00
Legal														0.00	0.00	0.00
PayPal	12.37													40.00	40.00	32.10
Spring Egg Hunt														0.00	500.00	231.05
Durham Symphony- sponsorship														0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Symphony Chair Rentals														0.00	500.00	0.00
National Night Out														400.00	500.00	0.00
Halloween														401.00	500.00	0.00
Community Building - Other														0.00	200.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>12.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,306.00</b>	<b>10,068.00</b>	<b>3,251.94</b>
<b>GROSS CASH FLOW</b>	<b>327.63</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>532.00</b>	<b>3,498.06</b>
ROLL TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET (membership balancing)															0.00	1,100.00
TRANSFER TO TPF (donations)																2,398.06
<b>NET CASH FLOW (GOAL: REVENUE NEUTRAL)</b>																

- We have a smaller budget with less expenses and revenues
  - No Egg hunt, no symphony in the park, no meeting space money to Watts
  - The newsletter will be smaller
  - There will be no in-person board retreat
  - We are planning to do National Night Out and Halloween, but may adjust as necessary
  - We have in reserves over \$10,000
- Question - do we ask for renewals when they are due?
  - Generally we do and the membership coordinator will check

### Communications – Kevin Kearns

- 2020 was a challenging year - less to report with events cancelled and people were stretched thin.
- Three newsletters were sent out this year
- We need to develop a communications group that keeps the content going
- We have talked some on how to communicate better digitally
- The printed newsletter goes to 1400 neighbors
- Should we use 2021 to plan a relaunch in 2022?
  - Good discussion for board retreat

## Community Building – Steve Falzarano

- Steve is off the board, but will still run the events.
- There should still be a community board liaison on the board
- Assuming no egg hunt, no symphony, no national night out (?), but maybe Halloween?
  - Could we do a DIY egg event of some sort? Neighbors painting eggs, etc.
- Steve has various costumes and the like in his storage, if it becomes necessary

## Traffic - Beth Emerson

- See Dale's notes above

## Membership – Beth Shepherd

- Currently 197 households (182 returning and 15 new)
- We hit our budget for 2020 (39 renewals/new ones)
- How do we solicit new members? Ads on back of newsletter - what else can we do?
  - Beth will think about it. She reaches out to those who are due.
- This could be a breakout room for the retreat next month
- How do we engage more people, including renters? (less for renters? some free memberships for realtors to hand out?)
- We've talked about restarting neighborhood watch and/or block captains which might help this and foster community in general.

## Safety – Ron Gallagher

- Our resource officer is getting promoted and won't be our person anymore
- "Spotcrime" is a resource to tell people what is happening in an area
- Most of the crime around here is theft from a vehicle
- Reminder to call the police for crimes, so they can know what's going on

## Trinity Park Foundation - Diane Amato (From Shelley Decker)

- The foundation will meet in February
- Did maintenance planting in the park.
- The club is working to switch out some plants with more native plants to encourage pollinators
- The foundation will be working on plaques for all the art.
- Need to prune the park's many trees, some of which have never been pruned.
- Thanks to Sue for all her work on the Little Lending Library
- Thank you to all who have maintained all the medians, sidewalks, and other places in our neighborhood!

## New business

### Duke-Durham Partnership – Diane Amato

- Developing "People First Development"



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- Is there something here that TP really would like to focus on?
- Discussion on
  - **Mobilize across neighborhoods**
  - Improved homeowner/renter dynamic
  - Help neighborhoods organize against development pressures
- James and Adam will talk to Diane about their availability to work on this project.

Northgate Mall – Waugh Wright

- The Northgate Mall Neighborhood Council has members from adjoining neighborhoods has been meeting with each other, the Northravin developers, the City, and NC State planners.
- They are currently cleaning up some of the lot and making their plans, which they will probably give to the city in early summer
- We hosted a neighborhood meeting in early December to get discuss the development with TP neighbors ~ had about 20 people

Adjourn: 9:43

## **BIOS OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Missy Crawford-Smith**

I've called Trinity Park home for the last 6+ years. Born and raised a Buckeye, with a stint in DC Metro prior to settling in Durham in Trinity Park. I am a social worker and work with people with disabilities. You will find me walking my goldendoodle Gromit most days in the Park. I love hiking and traveling.

### **Mollie Flowe**

Mollie Flowe and her husband Adam have lived in their home on Urban Avenue since 2003. Their three kids all loved George Watts and are continuing on the Lakewood Middle to Riverside High School route. The whole family has made dear friends among neighbors on the block and throughout the neighborhood. Mollie loves both Trinity Park and Durham, and enjoys working as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity so that more Durham families can share in stable neighborhoods. Her background in nursing means that she gets asked some pretty wild questions, including about animal ailments, but she does not know what is wrong with your chicken.

### **Caroline Black**

Caroline moved to Durham with her family at the end of 2016. Having lived in NYC for several years, she and her partner, Buster, were excited to get back to the south where they were both raised. She is currently taking time off from her job as a school psychologist with Durham Public Schools to homeschool her two children. Caroline enjoys teaching Kundalini yoga in her free time and spending time with her family at their cabin in Chatham County on the Rocky River.

### **Scott Doron**

My family moved to Trinity Park over 35 years ago. Except for being part of a team (I was Treasurer) that "saved" KIN many years ago, we've been coasting on the efforts of neighbors. I hope to rectify this by serving on the TPNA Board. My career has been varied, bolstered by an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill and an English Degree from College of Idaho. Yes. I am from Idaho. I worked in technology policy for two Departments of Commerce and a regional think tank. A few years ago, I embarked on a new direction as a Vice President at Alamance Community College and am now the Grants Officer there. I have found education administration extremely rewarding, especially working with first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students. I have mentored men coming out of Urban Ministries programs where I learned so much about poverty and addiction. I live on Monmouth with my wife (retired neonatologist) and my daughter, who was in graduate school in NYC before the pandemic. I look forward to working for the good of the neighborhood.

### **James Dobbins**

I am a semi-retired attorney, having served as General Counsel and Board Secretary for private and public companies for decades. Currently I am in the process of being certified as a mediator in the North Carolina Superior Courts. I am a thirty year resident of Trinity Park and have a flair for puns and a wicked sense of humor, much to the irritation of my wife of 30 years Deborah. I have served on several boards in the past, and am pleased to offer my services to the Association. I can be seen walking our dog in the neighborhood, fencing at Mid-South Fencing and trying to safely navigate the Whole Foods parking lot.

### **Laurie Williamson**

Laurie Williamson and her family have lived in Trinity Park for 14 years. They just renovated their home at 1319 Watts and are enjoying their new space. Laurie and Matt have loved raising their kids in the neighborhood among their "Trinity Park Tribe" enjoying community fun from annual Halloween parades to sledding parties on Demerius. Jack (age 15) and Cora (age 12) attended George Watts elementary and are now students at DSA. Laurie is a social worker by profession and currently focused on home life and virtual schooling in the COVID era. She is also on the board for the Durham Public Schools Foundation, a member of First Presbyterian Church, and an active supporter of Book Harvest and Urban Ministries. She loves yoga, reading, travel, and walks/play with their rambunctious rescue Pitweiler named Pete.