

2022 TPNA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3rd at 7:00pm
Via Zoom

Attendees: Missy Crawford-Smith, Waugh Wright, Karalyn Colopy, Rickie White, Scott Doron, Beth Sheppard, Tiffany Florestal, Laurie Williamson, Maggie Sargent, Philip Azar, Annie Ambrose

Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association

- Presentation by Rickie White: Why Urban Nature Matters
- Hybrid land trust and watershed association, almost 500 acres protected
- New project near us, Strayhorn Branch Enhancement: a new project between Green and Knox to develop the gully back into a stream. Likely not to start until 2023
- Why Urban Nature Matters
 - Clean Water
 - Animals and plants
 - Human Connection to nature

Review of June meeting minutes ~ Karalyn Colopy

- Approved

Treasurer's report ~ Bill Brown

Income -

- \$747.19 in dues in July. Membership income year to date is \$2,877,74 - already above the budget estimate of \$2,500!
- \$1,000 for a newsletter ad in June. There are several open invoices out there at this time, but we have not received the checks.

Expenses -

- \$816.71 for printing the summer newsletter.
- \$545 for liability insurance.
- We will have the expenses for National Night Out at our next meeting.

Bank balance stands at \$22,078.64

Communications

- Newsletter Update: Newsletter distributed 1425 copies at the end of June
- Advertisers: Doing well with advertisers. Had 4 full ads in this issue - Acme Plumbing, Marie Austin, Acanthus Construction, and Child Care Services Association.

Community Building

- National Night Out: NNO was last night. NNO was well attended.
 - Thanks to Steve Falzarano for organizing!
 - Summary: hotdogs, pizza, drinks provided by TPNA
- Halloween

- Luminaria

Traffic

- Now that the East End Connector is open, we will see if it has a positive effect on traffic on Duke and Gregson.
- Mollie is the nominal Traffic Committee, and a neighbor on Dacian contacted her to inform her about a bad accident - car speeding down Gregson plowed into the porch of 1001 Dacian.
- Can we invite people (Police, Traffic Enforcement, Sheriff's Dept) to a board meeting now that the connector is open.

INC

- Philip has been our representative to INC for many years. And he is ready to be relieved of this duty. Mimi has stepped up by attending INC meetings and would like to be our official representative.
- Voted and motion passed unanimously to release Philip and add Mimi to INC.
- On behalf of TPNA, I'd like to thank Philip for his many years of faithful service to the TPNA as our INC representative. He's connected us to the larger Durham community and strengthened that organization by making sure it has sound bylaws and procedures.

Membership - Beth

- No news is good news

Safety

- A running race will go through Trinity Park on Sunday October 16, same day as the home tour. It should not conflict with the time of the tour. Though it will be good to notify the neighborhood in advance.
- Matt Simpson was killed while biking near Gregson and Club. Bike Durham is advocating for safer biking.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands

- No news

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership

- **Neighborhood Grants for \$2,500:** Proposals due in January and project needs to be completed by April
 - Previous grants were spent on.
 - --in collaboration with Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, we did the cultural heritage sign and paid for a summer intern to do invasive species management
 - --with George Watts PTA, we helped maintain the rain garden on the playground and had a rain garden educational workday
 - --with the TP Foundation, we bought brass plaques to mount in the park to identify 3 of the works of art there, to commemorate the artists and their work. And the people they honor.

Trinity Park Home Tour, October 16th ~ Karalyn Colopy

- 10 houses will be on the tour
- Tour of booklet is in process with professional pictures and write-ups
- Ads: Several sold, still getting more sponsors.
- Volunteers: Still need volunteers to be docents.
- Proceeds: TP Foundation needs or a non-profit organization (Families Moving Forward or Habitat for Humanity)
 - Will vote next meeting on where the proceeds go.

Historic District Designation meeting follow-up

- Link of recording: <https://trinitypark.org/historic-designation-meeting/>
- A small group volunteered during the HD meeting and may form a sub-group.