

July 2024 TPNA Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00pm
Fleishman House, 204 N. Buchanan Blvd

Attendees:

Jill Wright, Scott Doron, Sam Griffith, Mollie Flowe, Karalyn Colopy, Jenny Levine, Dave Pahl, Andy Stewart, Claudia Cobianchi, Katie Lutz, Annie Ambrose, James Dobbins, Mimi Kessler, Loretta D'ermes, Sarah Hill, Timothy Dunn, Charles Loeser, Jim Unruhe, Martha Barnett, Ann & Tim McNulty

Welcome

Guest Speakers: DPD Lt. Rogers, Assistant Commander of District 2, and Captain Scott Pennica Commander of District 5

Districts 2 & 5 abut at the Watts & Morgan area. Lt. Rogers gave a briefing on the situation. Investigations into the shooting homicides are still ongoing, but no arrests have been made. He affirmed that these shootings were not random. He reported that there are now overtime funds to provide extra hours on the weekends for downtown up to 4 officers from July 1 to Sept 1. But they are still trying to fill the spots, so the funds will still be available past Sept 1. Captain Pennica said that crime tends to be somewhat cyclical. In District 2, they are trying to get the regular beat cops as well to augment their presence ~12-3am at this intersection on the weekends, but that depends on them not being called to other incidents elsewhere in the city. DPD is not involved in alcohol law enforcement (ALE), which is a state agency. It was asked who enforces the rules around public drinking in the social district? This is in District 5. Captain Pennica says it's very hard to enforce the rules such as they are. However the roll out of the social district is not correlated with any worsening of crime statistics in that area. The officers say that they try to get officers to the Morgan and Watts area at the time on the weekend when the clubs are letting out, but there's a lot for the cops cover. Residents report that the last 4-6 weeks the late night parties there have been a lot less active. Residents say it may be related to fewer food trucks showing up. There are nuisance statutes that could hypothetically be used to try to interrupt these weekend street parties, but they are very hard to enforce.

The police recommend that we work with ALE to enforce alcohol infractions at bars and convenience stores (and possibly in the streets). ALE has more flexibility in the force they can put on a situation compared to the DPD which is stretched thin. It was noted that if ~4-5 DPD officers show up to a gathering of 500, they will just be trying to get people to disperse.

Scott Duron mentioned that Raleigh has an interagency crime plan that was mentioned by a person at the May TPNA board meeting who is an Assistant DA as a possible tool/model for Durham. Action Item: we should follow up with the this person from the May meeting and find out more about this plan.

Prior meeting minutes- were approved without comment.

Membership – Jill. Payment has been moved successfully from PayPal to Square but no new members have paid in since the change.

Urban Planning - Katie, Steve

- Northgate development- Per Mollie, Brandon Williams (Walltown Community Association) said recently that the local neighborhood council will be convened in the next few weeks. A rezoning application is not expected anytime soon.
- Update on Duke's rezoning request involving parcels near East Campus? Mimi reported that Duke has now removed the parcels of concern from their rezoning request. The Burch Ave NA should be proud of their making this happen.

Trinity Park Foundation- Karalyn. The foundation has been spending money, first to refurbish the steps of the Park, then to pay for some tree pruning, and then for installing an irrigation system for the flower beds and refurbishing benches.

Finance -

- Treasurer's report – Annie. The Garden Tour expenses are all paid out and we're waiting for one last sponsorship check (\$1000). The board agreed that we will donate to the Farm Church now and will give to the Foundation when all funds are received. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Community Building/Events -

- N'hood social report- Jim. About 40 people showed up at the first stop of the tour. Those who attended said it was a good time and will be repeated.
- Band night September 29 – Scott. Proposed 3-6pm on the 29th & to have local teen band be warm up and then Simple Joy will play. There is money in the budget to cover insurance. The band does not want any money, they just want to be sure they're not playing to no audience. The board approved expenditure of funds for the event...insurance, permits, etc. Scott and his committee will progress plans.
- T-shirt contest-Scott. Deadline has been extended through September.
- Home Tour - October 20, noon - 5 – Karalyn. 9 homes have been lined up, a total of 12 locations. The theme will be "if these walls could talk".
- N'hood play dates- Karalyn. No update.

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership - MF, Karalyn, Susan, Tim M, James. Nothing new to report.

DSA- Annie. The Durham for DSA group is still trying to get DSA to stay where it is. Two county commissioners are interested in reconsideration of the move for financial reasons. New commissioners will be installed by January. The impression is that the School Board won't revisit their prior decision. There is an idea floating around apparently to somehow combine the Downtown Y with DSA at the existing site.

Traffic – Mollie. No update this month.

INC – Mimi. There's a committee that's concerned about the re-writing of the UDO and will engage with someone from the planning department to explain what was said at a prior meeting that caused concern.

Communications - Karalyn

- Listserv – Mimi. No update.
- Newsletter – Karalyn. Karalyn would appreciate any content folks could provide for the Sept. newsletter.
- Website/Facebook – Steve. No update.
- Board Website – Sam. No update.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Scott. No update.

Safety – Mimi. No update.

New Business

- Steve U.- there will be a disability rights parade through southern TP on July 27 at 5pm starting from the Reality Center.
- No meeting in August. Next meeting Sep 4th.
- An appreciation will be made to the Fleishman House for hosting tonight's meeting. Jill will try to line up the Catholic Center for October.

Adjourn