

June 2024 TPNA Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00pm

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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

Welcome

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Prior meeting minutes

The minutes were discussed, revised to add missing names, and approved.

Membership - Jill

Three awards were given out for the March membership drive. Jill will enact some parameters next year so that we don't (as this year) reach out to a winner, move to a runner up, and then have the initial person respond.

Update on shootings at Watts & Morgan Streets.

Mollie read in the names of the fatal shooting victims. They were Twanda Shante Parker and Ashir Harrington.

Prior discussion action items/proposed action items:

- Talk to owners of former Papa John's- Dan Jewell: No update was available.
- Soliciting enforcement by health department to put some pressure on food trucks/nightclubs. No update.
- Scott Schuett reported to Mollie that the fire marshal and alcohol enforcement had been around to inspect the nightclubs.
- Reach out to other cities (e.g. Raleigh) to learn how they've dealt with this. No update.
- Speak to nightclub owners for their perspective. No update.
- Tiffany Forrestal, Steve Unruhe, Mollie Flowe and Tim McNulty met with the police chief, city manager and deputy city manager. The public servants were quick to meet. There is a suspect in custody from the killing in Fall of 2023. There are fewer leads for the recent fatal shooting. They don't think that the location is a specific magnet for violence. They said the nightclubs and food trucks are legitimate businesses conducting legitimate activities. They asked residents to call 911 when something of concern was observed or threatened. State Troopers will be involved now that the weather is warmer (more activity expected).
- There was a fatal shooting the morning after Mothers' Day at the tobacco shop near this intersection.
- We will invite DPD and someone from the city to the 10 July meeting
- It was pointed out that we might want to invite apartment/condo residents and business owners on Main Street to the July meeting since they also have a stake in this issue.
 - Annie will reach out to the Bartlett Condos

- Sarah will reach out to the Brightleaf Square property manager and to the Brightleaf on Main apartments.

Urban Planning - Katie

- Mimi - There have been presentations by the consultants doing the re-write of the Unified Property Development to JCCPC (Joint City County Planning Committee) and to residents. Developers say they want to abide by the recently approved Comprehensive Plan, but their modeling exercise on housing cost showed that it is impossible to achieve both affordability and the goals of the Comp Plan. Mimi is paying very close attention to this issue and shared the link to the residents' presentation with the board. UDO.
- Northgate development- Claudia, Scott and Mimi reported out about the most recent proposal presentation for the former Northgate Mall property.
72 affordable housing units planned for ages 55 and up. Major retail with grocery and pharmacy (not Walmart), smaller retail and office/biotech, some greenspace. Will be done in 3 separate phases. Katie said that different from the prior iteration, they are planning to raze the existing mall, and will change the traffic pattern. Their plan will be submitted by the end of the year. The new plan would require a change to zoning. Northgate, Lakewood mall and the former police station are the three big urban zones currently in flux. The Coalition for Affordable Housing is striving for mixed use, retail & housing for these spaces.
James will try to get someone representing Walltown's perspective on this to come to a future board meeting.

Trinity Park Foundation -

- Garden Tour - Dale and Karalyn reported out about the garden tour...456 tickets sold. The garden tour committee wrote a report which will be made public.
The tour was a lot of fun, built community, and visitors came away very enthusiastic about Trinity Park. Financial goals were far exceeded...net tour revenue was \$9300. The committee suggests doing every 3rd or 4th year.
The Garden Tour Working Group/Committee suggests \$8000 go to the TP Foundation and \$1000 to generate a pollinator garden near the Farm Church. The board endorsed this proposal of the committee, pending payment of final expenses and receipt of remaining sponsor payments. Anything over \$9000 total revenue will be added to the donation to the TP Foundation.

Finance -

- Treasurer's report
 - Annie reviewed the April/May income and outgo. TPNA is in good financial shape.
 - Annie, Karalyn and Sam continue to refine the process of sponsor solicitation, management and invoicing.
 - Karalyn proposed that we might want a small email newsletter to the sponsors so that all our communications to them are not about asking for money. A 'sponsor of the month' profile on the listserve was also suggested.
 - Sarah Hill (as a sponsor) thought a sentence or two shoutout in the newsletter might be appreciated by sponsors.

Community Building/Events -

- James reported on the Neighborhood Social will be on 6:30 June 7
 - Venues will be Bull McCabes, West End Wine Bar and Clouds.
- Concert night
 - Scott is discussing with Tuck Satterfield.
 - A committee was proposed to generate ideas before the next board meeting. Mollie and Karalyn volunteered to join the committee.
- T-shirt contest- Scott

- Only one submission so far. We will keep soliciting more submissions until the 30 June deadline.
- Home Tour - October 20, noon to 5 (tentative) – Karalyn solicited the board to give her ideas for homes to include north of Markham.
- Neighborhood play dates at the Trinity Park- No update this month.

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership – Mollie reported that work on Trinity Park steps and Reality center were a little behind but moving forward.

DSA- Annie. The school board is still moving ahead on plans to move DSA. It does require approval by the county commissioners however and two of them are now supportive of a pause.

Traffic – Mollie. The city budget is out. Mollie says Duke/Gregson is in the plan for FY2025, but with the State still ‘owning’ these roads, city plans are subject to state approval. Mollie and Tim are looking into putting up traffic cams for Duke/Gregson to keep awareness/pressure on the state. Board members were asked to volunteer neighbors’ houses on Duke/Gregson for camera placement.

INC – Mimi. The INC will have a position by next month about the zoning change that Duke is pursuing for neighborhood associations to support.

Communications

- Listserv – No update.
- Newsletter – Karalyn. The spring newsletter did get out on time. A new printer was located since the prior printer went out of business and is less expensive...a win!
- Website/Facebook – No update.
- Board Website – No update.

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Scott. No notable progress.

Safety – Mimi. No update. Charles Loeser introduced himself. He is in federal law enforcement and would be happy to provide assistance to the Board on this topic.

New Business. The July meeting will be on the 10th. The board was asked for ideas for a location. The Reality Center and Chabad House (former King’s Daughter’s Home) and the Duke Catholic Center were suggested. Scott and Annie will inquire with these venues (respectively)

There’s a shortage of stuffed animals at the Duke Children’s Hospital. Annie will send out an email to the TPNA membership encouraging folks to donate money or new stuffies for this.

4th Annual Juneteenth celebration will be 15 June in Lakeview Park in Braggtown.

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