

October 2023 TPNA Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Attendees: Missy Crawford-Smith, Jill Wright, Scott Doron, Steven Unruhe, Karalyn Colopy, James Dobbins, Mimi Kessler, Andy Stewart, Patrick Matherly, Jordan Rehlaender, Tiffany F, Timothy McNulty, Annie Ambrose, John Hodges-Copple, Susan Jakes, Bill Brown, Mollie Flowe

Review of September's meeting minutes - Mollie Flowe

- Approved

Traffic - John Hodges-Copple

- Meeting about the one-way roads. They have been meeting with the city and state. Encouraging the city to move forward with the conversion of the streets since the east end connector is open.
- They are collecting stories of speeding, crashes and safety issues.
- The city is looking at Mangum and Roxboro currently since the state is going to repave it. They are going to see if the state will pave, but city can change them to two way streets.
- <https://www.durhamnc.gov/3796/Move-Durham-Transportation-Study-2020>
- <https://www.durhamnc.gov/2995/Vision-Zero>
- *Urge city council to move forward with the change.* Talking points with elected officials:
 1. Goal - enhance safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers within the downtown Duke and Gregson corridor, and other streets identified in the Move Durham plan adopted by the city
 2. Strategy 1: convert both streets to two-way, following recommendation of Move Durham plan already adopted by the city
 3. Strategy 2: city takes over management of streets from the state, allowing the city to implement changes in street design
 4. point of resistance - cost to city of maintaining additional streets (response - city can swap different street with state)
 5. immediate goal: put funding for design and conversion of Duke and Gregson streets, and other streets identified in Move Durham, into next year's budget and CIP (capital improvement plan) - this needs to happen fall and winter of 2023
 6. reference Move Durham report:
<https://www.durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/34499/Move-Durham-Final-Report---Oct-2020?bidId=>

Treasurer's report - Bill Brown

- Income: \$392.92 from memberships
- Expense: \$856 Summer newsletter, \$100 BethEl meeting space

Membership - Jill Wright

- No new updates

Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership - Karalyn Colopy, Susan Jakes, Tim McNulty, James Dobbins

- Quarterly meeting in a couple weeks
- New grant cycle is open, can apply for up to \$2500 that align with the values of the Neighborhood Partnership. We can add other neighborhoods or non-profits.
- Project Ideas:

- At Trinity Park: Add handrails to the new steps at the park, quote \$1200. Could get more artistic handrails. May need handrails on both sets of granite steps.
- Adding additional free library and food boxes
- At Trinity Park - Stone topper on the pillar on Watts is loose and also missing handrails.

Trinity Park Foundation - Karalyn

- TP Foundation website is getting renewed

INC - Mimi Kessler

- Mimi is the new president of the INC
- SCAD- INC went through SCAD line by line and created a report that outlined some items that were good that we should pull out.

Communications - Karalyn, Mimi

- Newsletter deliverers are requesting lighter weight paper. Discussed exterior being the heavier weight and the inside being lighter weight papers.
- New newsletter is out and being delivered. We had to use a new printer since SpeedDeeQue was closed for vacation.
- Seeking a volunteer for newsletter layout! Ideas about connecting to Durham Tech professors to see if they can create it as an assignment for students.

Community Building/Events - Karalyn, Mollie

- National Night Out was on October 3rd. Great turn out. Thanks to Steve for organizing!
- Clean up day on October 7 - JBB: A volunteer was selected to help with the event.
- Halloween on October 31: Steve is organizing, but will need help and needs gift cards
- Tree Workshop - Board thinks it's a good idea. The Watts-Hillandale neighborhood did it and neighbors liked it.
- Luminaria- Beth Emersons girl scout group would like to do it again.
- MLK Day Event: Food Drive and/or creek clean up
- Gardening Tour - There has been an interest in having a garden tour. Karalyn will come back with a proposal next month. Should we tie the Garden Tour with the arborist event?

South Ellerbe Creek Wetlands - Scott

- They are going to be putting construction bids out in early 2024

Safety - Mimi/Ron

- At PAC crime was flat, no growth or decrease in crime.

New Business

- Upcoming board openings- We need to be thinking of neighbors who we can recruit. Look in the bylaws to see who needs to be on the committee.
- November 1st meeting in-person at Grace Lutheran [824 N. Buchanan Blvd. Durham, NC. 27701](https://www.gracelutheran.org/)
 - DSA changes - revive urban planning committee? Scott is looking at getting speakers together for the November meeting. We have a chair for Urban Planning, but it has been stagnant.
 - GoTriangle can attend.

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