

**Duke Park Neighborhood Association**  
**Association Meeting Minutes**  
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MINUTES DPNA MEETING 1/10/07

A quorum of the Board was present (Read, Ragin, Anderson, Green, Tyler) along with NA members Stewart Kennedy, Michelle Old, Esther Bent, Andrew Preiss and ????

The meeting called to order with recorder turned on. Unfortunately it did not work and these minutes are being reconstructed after the fact.

The MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING had been circulated via list serve and were approved as sent by acclamation.

Brian Green gave the Treasurer's Report. Things were not as bad as feared following Luminaria ban, we still have \$947 after spending \$609.21 on Luminarias and bags. We have gotten about \$130 in various donations from members. Brian noted that somehow an error of \$137.00 in our favor showed up in the statements. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED THAT HE COULD ADD THAT TO OUR BALANCE IF HE COULD NOT RESOLVE IT EASILY. APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION.

The remaining Luminarias and bags are in Dan Read's basement. Whether to try to introduce battery-powered lights was discussed but sense of the meeting was that CANDLES ARE NICER AND CAN BE SOLD EVERY YEAR AND THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE USING THEM. The longer burning ones are better, 4 hours is not long enough. Candles burning till late in the night are strong statement of neighborhood and get attention of others passing around neighborhood.

The NEIGHBORHOOD ENERGY COMMITTEE is underway, spearheaded by Wenny Wigley. It will meet at her house at 1609 Edgevale on Thursday, January 17 at 7:00. Dan and Barry reported re Town Hall Meeting on Water Issues that drought is exacerbated by, and caused in part by, global warming and high rates of evaporation in very hot summer months (August - October were hottest months on record here). It appears likely that drought will continue through the spring and be serious again this coming summer. Energy conservation is important for water conservation. Discussion of if we as a NA need to be doing more to publicize water conservation. SENSE OF THE MEETING WAS THAT WE WANT TO INVITE CITY OR OTHER WATER EXPERTS TO OUR MARCH MEETING TO REVIEW CONSERVATION AND REACH OUT TO NA.

Discussion of the recent foot chase through the Avondale/Shawnee street area by police in pursuit of armed suspects, led by Barry (he led the discussion, not the foot chase). Concern that police are not informing community when stuff like this happens and neighbors do not know if unsafe conditions continue or what is going on. Police have often reported through PAC-2 listserve but just as often do not. Generally agreed that the way to keep informed is to be on the Pac-2 listserve. After discussion it was moved seconded and APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION THAT THE NA WOULD ASK THE DISTRICT 2 COMMANDER TO REMIND HIS/HER OFFICERS TO REPORT POLICE ACTIONS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO THE PAC-2 LISTSERVE SO WE WILL KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. Discussion of nuisance conditions at 1715 Avondale where the guy who was chased came from, probably no point in instituting a suit at this time, Barry will follow up with Neighborhood improvement and City.

Next newsletter discussed. Probably good time to come out is mid to late March, with next to follow mid June in advance of July 4 picnic. Members are asked to send items to Marty Jarrell or Cheryl Summers.

Esther Bent reported on Duke Park Clean up, January 26 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Meet at the picnic shelter. Barry suggested we enlist help of Keep Durham Beautiful which should be able to provide bags and trash pick up. Bring long sleeve shirt and gloves because of poison ivy. Then that afternoon from 4 to 7 p.m. Esther and Peter will be hosting the NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOME PARTY AT THEIR HOME AT 405 E. MARKHAM. Tell your new neighbors!

Dan reported that Beaver Lodge 1504 will be fielding a team in the Jan. 26th, 9am: Krispy Kreme Challenge (4-mile run in Raleigh plus eating a dozen donuts). For more info, contact: Katherine O'Brien or Dan Read.

Andrew Preiss reported on the Duke Park Preservation Initiative Board Meeting which occurred immediately prior to this meeting. Duke Energy is seeking to place a switching station on DPPI property at 1602 N. Roxboro (just north of the railroad line where the sign is). DPPI is working with the City to see where we stand on that and resolve land ownership issues. And we have gotten our federal ID number and will be getting proof of 501(c)(3) status from the IRS to begin final negotiation with the City on the bath house.