

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2010, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Brian Green (treasurer), Cheryl Summers (secretary). Members-at-large: Bill Anderson, Stewart Kennedy, Barry Ragin, Suzanne Tyler.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by chair, Dan Read.
- Minutes of October 13, 2009 meeting accepted and approved by majority.
- Secretary's Membership Report: 157 Active Memberships.
- Treasurer's report: \$2,817.97 of 12/31/09, With exception to Dan's oop expenses for the Christmas party, there are no outstanding liabilities.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: Luminaria Wrap-up

Luminaria sales were near \$850 this year. There is one box of luminaries remaining.

Item #2: DPPI 1/9 Meeting

DPPI meeting will immediately follow the DPNA meeting, including election of new officers and 2010 bathhouse strategy.

Item #3: DPNA Website Update

Brad Simpson will likely resume work on DPNA website in February. He has been inundated with client work.

Item #4: DPNA Purchase of Database Software

Cheryl has requested purchase of licensed copy of Filemaker Pro 10 database software to continue to maintain the DPNA member / advertiser data. Cost of the software is \$299 full price or \$179 education institution cost. Barry will look for a comparable program. DPNA approved the purchase of the requested software and Suzanne agreed to purchase it on behalf of DPNA.

Item #5: "Around the Park"

Cheryl Summers resigned ATP Editor post; Sara Chase has volunteered to take on this position. Cheryl and Sara will meet to review newsletter process; handoff of ATP data.

Item #6: Duke Park Neighborhood Gardeners

DPNG is currently formulating plans for securing grants and sustainability funding. All are welcomed to become involved in planning our community garden. Next DPNG meeting will be posted to the listserv.

Item #7: Clean Energy Durham (CED)

CED's Transit Education Specialist, Jessalee Landfried, works with Durham's neighborhoods to promote walking, biking, and mass transit as alternative means of transportation to/from work, commerce, and play in our local vicinities. Jessalee would like to hear your opinions about how best to encourage Duke Park residents to increase alternative transportation in advance of the upcoming Spring campaign. Please contact her at 919.622.1309 or jessalee@cleanenergydurham.org.

Item #8: Neighborhood Energy Retrofit Program (NERP)

Bill Triplett will act as primary contact for those interested in volunteering as NERP leaders and coordinate the Duke Park application submission. The NERP deliverables include a) sealing air leaks in heating and air conditioning ductwork, b) installing programmable thermostats, c) sealing air leaks in attics and crawlspaces and d) installing attic insulation. Minimum requirements to qualify is that the home be 2,000sf, one-story, and owner-occupied. The nominal cost to the qualifying homeowner is between \$200 and \$350. NERP leaders will be trained to canvas and educate DP neighborhood residents about the benefits of participating in NERP. We need at least 100 households to participate. Persons interested in becoming a NERP leader and homeowners interested in participating in the program itself may contact Bill at wltriplett@mindspring.com.

Other Items:

Item #1: Alcott/Avondale Pocket Park

Barry stated that Jessica Eustice is working with Durham Open Space & Trails re: obtaining funding to develop the Alcott / Avondale land triangle as a pocket park. DPNA resolved that it fully endorses Jessica's efforts to pursue this goal.

Item #2: MLK Potluck

Barry announced DPNA's sponsorship / participation in the Martin Luther King Potluck – in cooperation with the UDI Business Center, and neighboring associations. The event will occur Saturday, January 16th, 4:30-6:30p at 800 N. Mangum St. Bring a dish. For more information, contact UDI at 530-8780.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.
- Next Meeting (of the Board): February 9, 2010.