

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes–taken by Dan Read
Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Meeting called to order at 7:05. Quorum of Board was present plus about 25 others.

Previous Minutes–no corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: \$2,961.66 as of 01/31/10. Outstanding liabilities \$30. Plus possible \$100 for Christmas party.

Gang Update from DPD–District 2 Captain Larry Smith (larry.smith@durhamnc.gov) and Gang Coordinator Corporal Vincent Pearsall (vincent.pearsall@durhamnc.gov) presented fro DPD. On the Clark Street case they have surveyed concurrent reports of activity and followed all leads. Still some interviews to do but presently no leads. Some evidence has been submitted to SBI for analysis. Many cases with no leads do wind up getting solved--it takes time. Larry said there is no evidence this was gang-related; it does appear after all that electronics were stolen from the victim. Vincent talked about gangs in the area. Have been a lot Folk Nation but they are fewer lately, Crips and Sur 13 (Hispanic) also present in area. Folk Nation wears grey and black, Crips blue and black, Sur 13 blue (Carolina blue). Larry repeated that it is not a crime to belong to a gang. But if neighbors see suspicious groups call the police so they can send a car out to check it out. **911 for emergencies, 560-4600 for non-emergencies, 560-4582 is District 2 sub-station.** Bill Anderson reminded all that PAC2 meets second **Monday of every month from 6 to 8 at the DPS training Center, corner of Carver and Hillandale.**

Historic District Designation–this was brought up by OND. Nobody here from them to speak to it and given the time spent on other issues and crowd present this was tabled by the chair with no objection.

Duke Park Sidewalks and Trees–City employees led by Michael Hughes were here and took their own minutes. A lively discussion. A separate “sidewalk” committee with Debbie Hill, Laura Hall and Angelo Abbate will meet with Michael to follow up. Sense of the meeting was strong that neighborhood has consistently supported narrowing of Washington Street with sidewalks and bike lanes rather than widening it with new sidewalk(s). A separate “tree” committee with Bill

Dandridge, Merdith Byrd, and ??? will meet with city forester Alex Johnson (alexander.johnson@durhamnc.gov) to discuss minimizing harm to neighborhood from cutting. Alex reminded that many of the trees to be cut are already old and distressed. If a tree in the right of way in front of your house is cut down, the city will replace it **on request** with a suitable replacement tree which will probably be a lot shorter. If you want tall shade trees the best thing to do is plant them in your yard beyond the public right of way (usually 30 feet from the center line of the street).

Duke Park Bathhouse / PAC2 Coffee w/Council–Bill Anderson says OND and Walltown have joined to support long -term lease of the bath house to neighborhood group DPPI for purpose of remodeling. We do need finding. PAC2 meeting March 8 will be time to bring this before the council again. **Bodies are needed to raise hands to support this. Council will pay attention most of all to how many people CARE ENOUGH to come out. Monday, March 8, 6 p.m. at the DPS training Center, corner of Carver and Hillandale.**

Database Software Update--given the time spent on other issues and crowd present this was tabled by the chair with no objection.

NERP Update–no here to speak to this, given the time spent on other issues and crowd present this was tabled by the chair with no objection.

“Around the Park” Sara Chase (snchase275@yahoo.com) reminds that the deadline for submission to the next newsletter is this weekend. If you have article or information email them directly to her.

Meeting closed about 8:30.