

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 12, 2009, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Members-at-large: Angelo Abbate, Bill Anderson, Suzanne Tyler.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

-*Meeting called to order* at 7:15PM by chair, Dan Read.

-Minutes of January 8, 2009 meeting accepted and approved by majority. Cheryl reported 10 New & Renew Members since the January Meeting, making a total of **127 active members**, including: Peggy Brown, Gerald Bundy & Kimberly Griffin, Becky Crocker & Rafe Sagarin, Howard & Beth Eisenson, Joseph Gary III, Randall & Connie McLeod, Ann & Jim Morris, Holly & Steve Price, Annie Schiavore & Mukhtar Bustillo, and Cheryl Summers & Pearline Washington. There were also five donors since the last meeting: Peggy Brown, Gerald Bundy & Kimberly Griffin, Joseph Gary III, Cheryl Summers & Pearline Washington, and Elinor Woods.

-Treasurer's report: \$3,049.82 Account Balance a/o 2/05/09.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: Bathhouse Update

In two weeks, DPNA will meet with City Manager Tom Bonfield, who expressed that we could expect a positive outcome.

Item #2: Fire at 219 E. Markham

The Board noted concern that the property was rented for commercial use and that the tenants had self-evicted themselves from the property.

Item #3: PAC2 Block Captains

The Board is pleased with the number of residents who volunteered as PAC2 Block Captains, a list of which will appear in the upcoming newsletter. Bill welcomes Block Captain presence at PAC2 meetings.

Item #4: "Around the Park"

- a) Cheryl expects all articles will be submitted by deadline, Sat, Feb. 13th.
- b) Board agreed to eliminate Spanish translation for this issue.
- c) Newsletter is on target for Sat, Mar. 7th distribution.

Item #5: New Neighbor Party

Board approved disbursement of \$150 to Esther Bent for costs related to hosting the New Neighbor party. Esther & Peter will host the gathering on Saturday, April 25, 4-7pm. Details to follow.

Item #6: Meadow / Brookline Trail

Bill will address this issue at the next Coffee with Council. Bill is asking as many neighbors as possible to attend to show support for this and other unresolved issues. The meeting will take place Monday, March 9th, 6:30pm at the DPS Staff Developmental Center (560-4582), located at 2107 Hillandale Road (and Carver).

Item #7: INC Matters

A majority ruled in favor of supporting: 1) the Bullet Opposition Bill and 2) the Hens Bill.

Item #8: Duke Park Trail Cleanup Items

Rosetta Radtke of the Parks Department will be announcing dates in March to resolve several cleanup issues on the DP Trail between Acadia and Washington. DPNA needs volunteers to work with the Parks Department in its cleanup effort, to include:

- 1) Install split rail fence between the trail and ditch on Acadia end and along turn around at end of Glendale where vehicles erode the trail
- 2) Install signage on both ends of trail
- 3) Install bollards with reflectors and signage to replace jersey barriers
- 4) Replace jersey barrier with more attractive bollards (after cleanup).

The Parks Department will, on a later date,

- 1) Stripe bike lane from trail along Washington to Club and subsequently between Club and Trinity
- 2) Stripe pedestrian crossing from the trail across Washington
- 3) Create wheelchair-accessible ramp on opposing side of Washington
- 4) Remove culverts left from 9-85 construction and non-functional street light.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.