

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 7:15PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

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

Quorum Present: Yes.

Others Present: Andrew Preiss, DPPI

Proceedings:

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

-Minutes of January 10, 2008 meeting accepted and approved by majority. Cheryl presented Donations report, and reported 6 new members since January, making a total of 62 active members.

-Treasurer's report: \$1,409.65 Account Balance a/o 2/14/08.

Consent Agenda:

New Business:

Item #1: Projects / Issues

- a) 2008 Luminaria Packet. After some discussion of raising the cost per bag to \$10 this season, the chair asked that the matter be put to vote at next Board Meet (Thu, Mar. 13th).
- b) City of Durham Water Management. Ted Vorhees will speak on water conservation at Thu, Mar. 13th Board Meet.
- c) DPPI 1602 N. Roxboro St. Property. Andrew Preiss stated negotiations under way between the City and DPPI re: demolition of existing structure to make way for sale of property to Duke Power, which intends to construct a switching station above the phone tower. Andrew anticipates that these discussions will indirectly, but favorably, affect the DPPI Bathhouse project. He encourages all residents to become a member of DPPI.
- d) Duke Park NEC Update. Jessie Eustice recapped first NEC meet, and announced next meet and first neighborhood workshop (with a reception to follow; see Community Events below). NEC is working on a plan to communicate with homeowners, renters and landlords about benefits of energy-saving behaviors, and tips on how to overcome barriers to achieving clean energy home environs.
- e) Friends of Geer Cemetery. Is one of two surviving African-American cemeteries (interment from 1877-1944) in Durham situated on the eastern border of Duke Park. Ad placed in news (4-wk run) asking for owners of Deed/Title to contact FOGC. The org wishes to eliminate any impediments to building a partnership w/the City, Historic Preservation and Keep Durham Beautiful with respect to their continued support of/developing interests in/potential contributions to the historic site.
- f) July 4th Parade: Need to get going on permit request.

Item #2: "Around the Park"

Cheryl stated that all articles had been/will be submitted by Sat, Feb. 16th deadline. Projected distribution date is Sat, Mar. 1st. Dan suggested an article be included regarding the Beaver Lodge participation in the Krispy Kreme charity run.

Item #3: Community Events / Meetings

- a) Sat, Feb. 16th, 9:30a: Coffee with Council at Eastway Elementary School, 610 Alston Ave.
- b) Mon, Feb. 18th, 7:30p: Durham Central Park/Old North Durham Food Co-Op at 109 E. Lynch St. (pink bungalow btwn Mangum and Roxboro Sts.).

- c) Thu, Feb. 21st, 7p: NEC (Neighborhood Energy Cmte) at home of Wenny Wigley, 106 Edgevale Rd.
- d) Sun, Feb. 24th, 6:30p: Launch of Duke Park Book Club at home of Laura Siegel 509 Everett St.
- e) Tues, Feb. 26th, 6:30p: Coffee with Council at Hope Valley Elementary School, 3005 Dixon Rd.
- f) Sat, Mar. 8th, 10a: Coffee with Council at Lyon Park Community Ctr 1313 Halley St.
- g) Mon, Mar. 10th, 6:30p: District 2 (PAC2) at Durham Public Schools Resource Ctr 2107 Hillandale Rd.
- h) Thu, Mar. 13th, 5:30p: City Hall Council Committee Rm, 101 City Hall Plz.
- i) Sat, Mar. 15th, 3-6p: NEC Weatherization Workshop at home of Michelle Old, followed by reception.

Old Business:

Item #4: Ongoing Projects

- a) Bathhouse. Dan stated still waiting for Bill Triplett to conduct inspection to ensure the Bathhouse is structurally sound.

Adjournment:

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