

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 8:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Members-at-large: Angelo Abbate, Bill Anderson, John Sideris; and Barry Ragin, President ex-Officio. *Others Present:* Michael Shiflett, Cheryl Shiflett, Bill Dandridge.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 8:00PM by chair, Dan Read.
- Minutes of February 10, 2010 meeting accepted and approved by majority.
- Secretary's Year-End Membership Report: **150** Active Memberships.
- Treasurer's report: \$3,495.91 of 02/28/10.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: March 23rd Coffee with Council Concerns and Procedures

The Board agreed that Barry Ragin and Angelo Abbate will prepare, on its behalf, succinct statements requesting City funding and public safety service increase. The current issues are: a) funding for Avondale Pocket Park development, 2) funding for Roxboro/Markham/Mangum Sidewalks development, and 3) increased Durham Police presence in Duke Park to prevent/abate rising criminal activity. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 6pm at the Hillandale DPS Staff Developmental Center, 2107 Hillandale Rd. Dan will speak re: the bathhouse, Barry re: Avondale Park, and Angelo re: sidewalks.

Item #2: Sidewalk Update

Angelo Abbate stated that the status of the Markham Avenue Sidewalk expansion is now focused on which canopy trees to preservation and remove. John Sideris opposes the proposed five foot sidewalk intrusion on properties on East Markham, as it will substantially reduce his property frontage. John will be meeting with the City engineers to further discuss this issue.

Item #3: Bathhouse Update

Bill Anderson discussed the negative and complicated tax implications involved in pursuing funding and development of the bathhouse under historic designation and credits. Bill and Dan will work on another approach to the City.

Item #4: DPNA Purchase of Database Software

The Board approved up to \$200 for Cheryl Summers to purchase Filemaker Pro database software to manage the DPNA member and advertiser information.

Item #5: Welcome Neighbors Spring Party

The Board will ask Esther and Peter Bent if they will agree to host the annual Welcome Neighbors party.

Item #6: Schools Review

The Board approved the formation of a committee consisting of those Duke Park parents concerned with the DPS Review policy. The Committee should be prepared to present their arguments and recommendations to the Board at the next Association meeting.

Item #7: McDonald's Special Use Application

McDonald's USA, LLC has filed for a Special Use Permit filed with the City of Durham to expand customer parking at 2010 North Roxboro Road, considered the special flood hazard area Zone AE as per Sections 3.7, 3.9 and 8.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance. Michael Shiflett of Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association asked that DPNA join the Colonial Village and Northgate Park Neighborhood Associations in supporting ECWA's effort to defer the McDonald's Special Use Application for 60 days. This will allow ECWA time to meet with McDonald's representatives in order to review the proposed site plans to determine its feasibility and environmental impact. The DPNA resolved its support of this ECWA initiative.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.
- Next Meeting (of the Board): Tuesday, April 13, 2009.