

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Angelo Abbate (vice president), Brian Green (treasurer), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Members-at-large: Stewart Kennedy, John Sideris.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

-Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by chair, Dan Read.

-Minutes of previous meeting accepted and approved by majority.

-Secretary's Membership Report: 134 Active Members, including New/Renews: June Case, Gail & Ernie Mills and John Molla. Donations: June Case, Linda Jeffries & Nick Then, John Molla.

-Treasurer's report: \$2,404.37 of 03/31/09.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: Bathhouse Update

Status unchanged.

Item #2: Dog Issues.

DPNA agrees that the City must enforce animal laws.

Item #3: "Around the Park".

a) Next issue: Sat, June 6th

b) Articles deadline: Fri, May 22nd

Item #4: Gay Marriage.

The DPNA board, in a majority vote, supports the City Council's consideration of passing a non-binding resolution endorsing "the rights of same-sex couples to share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitments of civil marriage" (Source: Bull City Rising: <http://www.bullcityrising.com/2009/03/page/3/> and The Herald Sun: <http://heraldsun.southernheadlines.com/durham/4-1126234.cfm>).

Not Posted

Subject: Council considers same-sex couples resolution (Herald-Sun)

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Council considers same-sex couples resolution

By Ray Gronberg, Herald-Sun, 20 Mar 2009

City Council members are considering whether they should pass a non-binding resolution that says the city endorses "the rights of same-sex couples to share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities and commitments of civil marriage."

A resident, Joshua Lee Weaver, on Thursday asked the council to consider the resolution. Elected boards in Chapel Hill and Carrboro have already backed it.

City Attorney Patrick Baker said he would study the document and report to the council early next month.

He equated it to the sort of proposal officials sometimes relay to the General Assembly for consideration there. The city itself has no authority to change marriage laws.

The resolution says civil marriage would ensure that gay couples receive "all the benefits" that legally go with marriage, in among others the fields of health care coverage, survivor benefits and inheritance rights.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.
- Next Meeting (of the Association): Tuesday, May 12, 2009.