

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 10, 2008, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Proceedings:

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

Please review the following minutes. If you have a problem or concern about any action please contact the Board members as soon as possible.

Present Suzanne Tyler, Carol Donin, Bill Anderson, Dan Read, Barry Ragin, Michelle Old, Jessie Eustice

I will not be able to attend the Board Meeting this month. Below is Membership Update info:

Members report: 87 active members, a 15 member increase from last month. New and Renew Members this month include:

Joanne Andrews
Linda Barr
Bonnie Blevins
Chris Crochetiere & Frank Hyman
Annie Reid
Emily Dings
Sarah Dowdee
James Fitzpatrick
Graham Marlette
Diane & Wilbur McNeil
Tracey Moon & Sharon Nash
Peter Palma
Joan Portwood
Barry Seaver
Barbara Smalley

(1) Treasurer's report, no expenses in last month, \$300 in, total on hand \$approx. \$1,411.

(2) Discussion of neighborhood clean up set for Saturday, April 12 at 8 a.m.

Remind neighbors to get their bulky trash out to the curb by 8 a.m. Saturday a.m.

Resolved Board authorizes Barry to give up to \$120 cash tips to City workers plus buy donuts etc for \$20 DPNA will reimburse him

(3) Trail from Acadia to Brookline remains a problem, people are still driving onto the trail, City position appears to be that they are done, need better barrier at th Acadia St end to keep out cars resolved Barry will draft letter to Parks & Rec to ask them to do the job right and install a connector between the Washington street terminus of the trail and the greenway which hits Washington at the Club Blvd intersection

(4) Bath house update, we are getting closer, we have submitted a site plan to development review although they immediately objected to proximity of spaces to bath house. Mike Woodard advised that the Council had directed that getting the bath house leased out was supposed to be on a fast track although P & R is not doing anything that we can tell. Resolved members of the DPNA need to write to Council asking them to keep

pressure on P & R to work to get the place leased, Dan will keep up with zoning/development and see if issues can be worked out

(5) Barry noted that musicmaker.org has listed Cool John Ferguson to play at Duke Park June 21, 2008. Spread the word!

(6) Energy Conservation fair this Saturday, April 12, at Oval park, 1-4 p.m. Thanks Michelle for the heads up.

(7) Discussion of allowing Amy Blaylock to join list serve and post all City news releases to list. Board felt releases of interest to our group generally get forwarded to the list by people who are getting them through other lists and that we do not need this at this time. Resolved will request that she not post all city releases to list serve, DPNA members will continue to forward releases to list as appropriate and relevant to our community

(8) Discussion of Avondale Drive issues, problems at 1705, 1707 and 1715 related to zoning violations, substandard living and maintenance conditions, and inaction by City in response to complaints by neighbors. Jessie Eustice noted that perception by city and Realtors and business community is that Avondale is a dump and it gets treated that way. Barry: this is a gateway to our city, it needs to be cleaned up. The problem is not just problem of immediate neighbors, but one that affects the whole neighborhood. Resolved the Board will communicate our concern, as a neighborhood, that the City is not enforcing zoning and habitability standards in this area and that allowing this block to decline is having a negative impact on the whole area, we want the rules to be enforced and landlords to be held accountable. Barry will draft a letter for circulation to the Board before being sent to Council.

Adjournment:

· Minutes taken by president, Dan Read