

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Brian Green (treasurer). *Members-at-large:* Bill Anderson and Barry Ragin, President ex-Officio. *Others Present:* Joanne Andrews, Sara Chase, Bill Dandridge, Howard Eisenson, Laura Hall, Ed Hubbell, Danny Jones, Jon Strack, Christine Westfall.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order* at 7:00PM by chair, Dan Read.
- Minutes of June 8, 2010 Association meeting accepted and approved by majority.
- Secretary's Membership Report: **137** Active Memberships.
- Treasurer's report: \$2,884.17 of 08/10/10.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: National Night Out Review

Approximately 50 people turned out for this year's NNO. Sadly, there was no police presence. Thanks go the collective energy of OND and Duke Park residents who made this event a success. Thanks also to Chuck Davis for his participation.

Item #2: Bath house Charette Update

Joanne will follow-up with Angelo and Cassandra Gooding about development status of charette design. Shooting for a date in early October.

Item #3: 2010-11 Board Nominations:

By unanimous vote, the DPNA Board shall consist of nine (9) members. The 2010-11 Board nominees are (excluding the President, Ex-Officio): Dan Read, President; Danny Jones, Secretary; Brian Green, Treasurer; Members-at-Large: Bill Anderson, Sara Chase (ATP Editor), Bill Dandridge, Anne Everitt, Ed Hubbell, John Sideris, and Jon Strack.

Item #4: New Secretary

Danny Jones has volunteered and is nominated to the position of DPNA Secretary.

Item #5: Billboard Update

DPNA wishes to thank the City Council for its vote to uphold the current Billboard ordinance. DPNA supports the current ordinance regulating billboards within the City of Durham and urges the County Commissioners to vote in favor of keeping the existing ordinance [banning billboards throughout Durham County] at its September 13th meeting. DPNA residents should [may] contact commissioners@durhamcountync.gov to voice their opinion.

Item #6: Proposed INC Resolution

Christine Westfall, who volunteers with the Campaign for Decent Housing of the Durham Affordable Housing Coalition, gave background information about an INC resolution the Campaign has asked Duke Park to support. She stated that the City Council proposed to reduce funding for up to ten years to local urban revitalization and non-profit affordable housing organizations by redirecting a majority of federal funds to the Rolling Hills/Southside development project. Christine is of the opinion, however, that taking funds from organizations like Self-Help, Habitat for Humanity, and the Durham Community Land Trustees, which have consistently and wisely invested in impoverished neighborhoods with substandard housing, would not be wise decision.

After discussion of whether more info was needed to take a vote, the Board voted to go ahead and take a vote on the resolution. By unanimous decision (Barry Ragin abstained), the DPNA Board supports the INC resolution below.

Whereas historically the City and County have used federal HOME and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to house the homeless, feed the hungry, and improve the quality of neighborhoods, and

Whereas the InterNeighborhood Council of Durham (INC) supports continued funding for affordable housing and for community services needed by families, youth, disabled, homeless, and residents of working class neighborhoods, and

Whereas the INC believes in honoring plans developed by citizen committees, and

Whereas the City has proposed to redirect most of the federal HOME and CDBG funds to the redevelopment of Rolling Hills/Southside,

Therefore, the INC asks that before committing more funds to the Rolling Hills / Southside redevelopment, City Council and County Commissioners commit to continued funding of affordable housing and community services across Durham

Item #7: Crime Review

Dan noted it seems crime is down compared to last year and asked if there were particular concerns of those present. [the recent rash of breaking and entering incidents in Duke Park]. Bill Anderson stated that recently released DPD crime figures showed a decrease in criminal activities in District 2, including Duke Park. Bill added that there is a particular concern at PAC-2 about a tall, older, African-American man with a back pack who has been especially using the railroad tracks and is suspected in several B & Es. Brian added that, with three reported B&E's, security systems are not entirely full-proof. Dan urged residents to turn on alarms all the same. Barry suggested the DPNA Yahoo Groups discussion board for residential feedback on alarm systems and what vendors are most reliable.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.
- Next Meeting (of the Association) – Board Elections: Tuesday, September 8, 2010.