

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 14, 2008, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary); *Members-at-large:* Angelo Abbate, Bill Anderson, Carol Donin, Barry Ragin and Andrew Preiss (for DPPI).

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

-*Meeting called to order* at 7:00PM by the Chair, Dan Read.

-Minutes of June 12, 2008 meeting accepted and approved by majority. Cheryl presented Members status, and reported 106 active members. New and Renew Members since June include: Franklin Clarke, Mike Crum, Josh Frederick, Charles Grant III, Brian Green, William & Jayne Kirkpatrick, Susan Rubin, Dan & Rachel Stinehelfer, Deborah Wallace, Elinor Woods. General Donations received from Franklin Clarke, Brian Green.

- Treasurer's Report: \$1,480.34 of 8/12/08.

-Guest Presenters: Aaron Lubeck, Trinity Design Build; Rhonda B. Parker, Director – City of Durham Parks & Recreation; Beth Timson, Assistant Director – City of Durham Park Planning/Design and Development Division; Kevin Lilley, Facilities Operations Manager - City of Durham Landscape Services.

Consent Agenda:

New Business:

Item #1: Projects / Issues

a) DPPI Bathhouse. Following his inspection of the bathhouse, Aaron reported three concerns:

- i. Floor structure consists of 7 inches of concrete slab which implies substantial labor costs.
- ii. Costs to haul off concrete would average about \$7k.
- iii. Walls and roof appear ok. They are usually **NOT** expensive to replace/repair.
- iv. Architectural design would have to include new flooring and meet ADA code; gueestimated costs at \$100k minimally (excludes installation of an HVAC system, which would result in huge cost savings).

b) Bathhouse Lease. Rhonda Parker reported that a 20-year lease term has been approved for DPPI. Andrew objected to language in the lease requiring that DPPI obtain 80% of repairs costs; and that the City of Durham would not be held liable for any repairs costs in the event DPPI ran out of funds during renovation. Rhonda and Beth agreed to speak with the City attorney to reconsider these specific terms. It appears that with exception to this term and provision of some written estimate of cost of work, that the Lease is acceptable. Rhonda **IS WORKING ON GETTING** tipping fees for removal of slab waived by City. Barry was confident that the neighborhood could raise \$20-40k cash.. Expect to receive donations of material and labor. Andrew will call a meeting of DPPI members to discuss the lease.

c) Rail Fence around Duke Park. Beth stated that Prince Fencing was to begin the rail fence installation this week to prevent vehicle access onto the park grounds. Angelo was concerned that no Board member was contacted to participate in the scope of service to know where and what type fencing would be installed.

d) Erosion. Additional concerns was that fencing along Acadia St. parking lot would NOT deter people from walking down hill, exacerbating erosion. Kevin Lilley will look into mulching the hillside. Beth suggested using the concrete removed from the bathhouse to build steps. Angelo proposed leaving a 5 foot wide walkway for

foot traffic, which would potentially lessen damage to the rest of the slope.

Item #2: Election of New Officers

Election of new officers will be held at the next Association Meeting (Thursday, September 11th). Dan, Cheryl, Bill, Angelo, Suzanne, Jesse and Brian will continue in their current offices; Carol will continue if no new members volunteer; Barry will step down as president Ex-Officio. Dan will again canvas the listserv for new members.

Item #3: Community Events / Meetings

a) National Night Out. Dan reported a successful turnout for this event, with DA-Elect Tracy Cline and officers from the Durham Police Department in attendance.

b) Annual Holiday Party. Dan will speak with Rebecca Crocker and Rafe Sagarin to find out if they will again host the annual Holiday party. (Dan subsequently spoke with Rebecca who agreed to the weekend of December 6-7; Dan suggested that she consider Friday, 12/6). Date TBA.

c) InterNeighborhood Council (INC)President-elect. Barry sought DPNA support of no-confidence in Craigie Sanders, INC president-elect on grounds of conflict of interest as developers attorney. His concern surrounded how Mr. Sanders could – acting on behalf of his clients in the capacity of their attorney – persuade residents to withdraw support from a neighborhood initiative. As a past INC president Bill interjected that he, along with former presidents Mike Shiflett, David Harris and Mike Woodard, believed that Barry’s concern was based on an inaccurate understanding of the INC process. Dan asked Barry to prepare a resolution clarifying his stance and to circulate among the membership. It should then be presented for a vote at the next DPNA Association meeting, Thursday, September 11th.

Item #4: “Around the Park”

Finding a new Editor. Cheryl stated that the ATP editor position is still vacant, but that Marty Jarrell would like to continue only in the capacity of layout and design of the newsletter. Barry and Andrew offered to help until a permanent editor is found.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers