

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 7:08PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members :

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Brian Green (treasurer), Members-at-large: Bill Anderson, Stewart Kennedy, John Sideris, Barry Ragin, president ex-officio. Others present: Deborah Wallace, Brad Simpson.

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 Report: 137 Active Members, including Richard & Rosy Anderson, Joanne Andrews, Linda & John Barr, Meredith & Derek Bird, Chris Bobko & Kelly Leong, Lynn Bodden & Peter Carman, Mitch Bowden, Jeff Burch, Bernadette, Linden & Jada Chasteen, Paula Compton, Catherine Craig, Teresa Cyphers, Suzanne Faulkner & Nikos, Jim & Lauren Fitzpatrick, August & Anne Gering, Lia Gilmore, Susan & Steve Graff, Sandi Gray-Terry, Brian Green, Lark Hayes, Kamela Heyward-Rotini, Sally Hicks & Richard Hart, Danny Jones & Zib Greer, Piper Kessler & Monique Velasquez, Troy & Wendy Livingston, Katherine O'Brien, John & Signe Offenber, Susan & Burch Raper, Tracy Rupp & Evan Charney, Claus Sievers, Timothy & Courtney Stanion, Rozette & Harold Smith, Deborah Wallace.

Donations: Mitch Bowden, Jeff Burch, Paula Compton, Suzanne Faulkner & Nikos, Sandi Gray-Terry, Brian Green, Lark Hayes, Sally Hicks & Richard Hart, Susan & Burch Raper, Claus Sievers, Cheryl Summers.

-Treasurer's Report: 2,780.69 of 08/31/09. Outstanding bills: Jessie Eustice NNO expense and SpeedeeQ for September ATP.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: Election of New Board

- a) Passed by acclamation, the 2009-10 DPNA Board officers are: Dan Read, president; Brian Green, treasurer; Cheryl Summers, secretary; Returning Board Members are: Angelo Abbate, Bill Anderson, Stewart Kennedy, John Sideris, Suzanne Tyler, and Barry Ragin, *president ex-officio*
- b) Passed by acclamation, the Board structure will from hereon consist of 7 Members, Since we have 9 people Stewart Kennedy and Suzanne Tyler will be alternates for now (we don't HAVE to have alternates). Quorum of Board will be 4 persons.

Item #2: Bathhouse Update

- a) Detailed in the Letter From the President in the September ATP.
- b) Bill Anderson discussed background info on recent favorable meeting with City Council Member.

Item #3: National Night Out

- a) Great turnout. See articles in September ATP.
- b) Brian will follow-up with Jessie Eustice to reimburse her oop receipts, if any. OK to just write her a check up to \$50; she can submit direct to Brian.

Item #4: DPNA Banner

Banner should be 6 feet wide and display "Duke Park Neighborhood Association". Brian will handle remaining details (colors, material, etc.).

Item #5: DPNA Website

Deborah Wallace and Brad Simpson have been exploring updating the DPNA Website, which Brad has volunteered to redesign. There is no big rush on this; would like to have unique new domain name (at cost of \$8). Domain name of www.dupepark.org is preferred. A web-hosting service would be approx. \$80/yr. Board approved expenditure of up to \$150/yr for this. Brad will work on design and submit a mock-up to the Board before the new site goes live. Cheryl will get current DPNA website access credentials to Brad.

Item #6: Night of Lights

- a) This year's luminaria will be held on Sunday, December 13th.
- b) Bill will inform INC of our planned event, and let us know if the date presents a problem.

Item #7: DPNA Christmas Party

Dan Read will host this year's Christmas party, to be held on Friday, December 4th.

Item #8: COD Christmas Parade

Brian will speak with Katherine O'Brien about coordinating Duke Park's participation in the City's annual Christmas parade. Board authorized getting a parade permit.

Item #9: Duke Park Neighborhood Gardens

- a) Cheryl was approached by Rosetta Radtke, Parks & Rec Senior Planner about the possibility of developing a community garden in Duke Park under the umbrella of DPNG (read more about DPNG in the September ATP).
- b) The Board resolved that it supports further exploration of a community garden.

Item #10: DPNA Members Only Asset Tagging System

- a) Cheryl presented to the Board a theft-deterrent measure in which each active (dues-paying) DPNA Member/Household would have the option of receiving 10 asset tags to apply to their personal property (i.e., computer, television, camera, stereo equipment, WII, etc.). This program is an attempt to discourage theft and resale at pawn shops of residents' personal property that will now have a neighborhood-specific identifying tag. The peel and stick, non-removable asset tags would read, "Duke Park" and display a unique number. As a benefit to Active DPNA Members/Households, no additional \$ will be required. Program participants would be required to provide their driver license, along with a list of the personal property item serial number, description and the assigned asset tag. This information will be maintained in a secured database and made available to Durham Police in any theft investigation.
- b) John suggested that a DPNA anti-theft committee be formed, whose purpose would be to liaise with pawn shop owners and police in the event any tagged personal property is reported stolen by a DPNA Member.
- c) The Board unanimously approved the implementation of this program and an expenditure of up to \$300 for the asset tags.

Item #11: "Around the Park"

September issue will be distributed this week.

New Business:**Item #1: Visible House Number Project**

Bill Anderson introduced a mock-up of a visible house number plate that would be uniformly placed in the walkway of each participating resident's home. This measure would enhance the visibility of the property address for Police, Fire and EMS personnel who often meet unlit streets and unnumbered homes in pursuit of crime and safety prevention. Bill will explore this optional program more thoroughly and re-present to Board.

Item #2: Avondale Pocket Park

- a) Barry Ragin has met with Jay Reinstein, director of Special Projects regarding the development of the Avondale / Alcott / Markham land area into a children's play area.
- b) The Board resolved that it supports Barry's further exploration of developing an Avondale Pocket Park.

Adjournment :

- Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.
- Next Meeting (of the Board): Tuesday, October 13, 2009.