

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 6:30PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Members-at-large: Bill Anderson, and president ex-officio, Barry Ragin.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Proceedings:

-*Meeting called to order* at 6:30PM by chair, Dan Read.

-Minutes of previous meeting accepted and approved by majority.

-Secretary's Membership Report: **139 Active Members**, including Emily Dings, William & Jayne Kirkpatrick, Lani Simeona, Janet & Jordan Weinstein, Fran Wilson. **Donations:** Janet & Jordan Weinstein, Fran Wilson.

-**Treasurer's report:** None.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: Crime in Duke Park

The Board is concerned about the increase in crime and will have a Crime Forum at the next meeting of the Association, Tuesday, November 10th. We will invite Chief Lopez. All neighbors are urged to attend.

Item #2: Bathhouse Update

The Board wants to know what is the City's next steps for the bathhouse. Sentiment of those present favors going ahead with the contract; the worst we can do is turn it back to the City. No vote taken.

Item #3: DP Entrance Gate Bid

The Board unanimously opposes the proposed gate at the main entrance to Duke Park. The Board suggests that the monies underlying the funding of the proposed gate be applied to shoring up the bank along the Acadia Street parking lot and the trail going into the Park from there, fixing the tennis courts, helping defray the cost of redraining the meadow, or other more pressing projects. Dan Read will write Rosetta Radtke.

Item #4: 2009 Night of Lights - Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Dan will inventory the candles and bags on hand.

Item #5: 2009 DPNA Xmas Party – Friday, Dec. 4th.

Dan and Maria Mangano will host this year's party. The Board authorized a cash outlay of up to \$150.

Item #6: 2009 City of Durham Xmas Parade – Saturday, Dec. 5th.

Planning Committee has already registered Duke Park in the parade. Theme to be finalized.

Item #7: Duke Park Neighborhood Gardens – Community Garden Area

The Board approved the 30 x 50 foot area identified by DPNG for the development of a community (vegetable) garden. Barry suggested that DPNG contact Open Space & Trails about potential funding. The Board also approved giving DPNG authority to act autonomously in choosing projects, without having to come back to the Board for approval.

Adjournment:

· Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

· Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.

· Next Meeting (of the Association): Tuesday, November 10, 2009.