

**Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street, Durham, NC 27701

Board members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Danny Jones (vice president/secretary), Brian Green (treasurer). *Members-at-large:* Barry Ragin (president ex officio), Sara Chase (newsletter editor), Ian Kipp, Jon Strack, Ed Hubbell

Others present: Bill Anderson, Robin Michler, Joanne Andrews, Robert Hill, Angelo Abbate

Quorum present: Yes.

Proceedings:

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

Consent Agenda:

1) Announcements:

Dan Read noted that Duke and UNC football games would be taking place this Saturday and encouraged residents to steer clear of areas near the football stadiums.

Dan Read noted our support of the Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association as they apply for funding to eradicate invasive garlic mustard.

Dan Read also noted an upcoming bond referendum to finish paving 150 miles of poor quality streets in Durham. PAC2 is in favor of this referendum.

2) Nominations for new DPNA Board:

Anne Everitt and John Sideris have removed their names from consideration to be part of the 2010-2011 DPNA Board.

Jon Strack nominated himself to be a member-at-large.

Ian Kipp nominated himself to be a member-at-large.

Bill Anderson volunteered to step down from the DPNA Board and the Inter-Neighborhood Council, with Ian Kipp taking his place.

The 2010-2011 DPNA Board nominations are as follows:

President: Dan Read

Vice President/Secretary: Danny Jones

Treasurer: Brian Green

Members-at-large: Sara Chase, Bill Dandridge, Barry Ragin, Ed Hubbell, Jon Strack, Ian Kipp

Barry Ragin moved to accept this slate of nominees.

Bill Anderson seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Barry Ragin recommended that the new board members hold a social gathering between now and October.

3) Treasurer's Report: \$2,700 as of September 14, 2010.

Danny Jones, Brian Green, and Cheryl Summers (former secretary) will meet soon to coordinate logistics of handling membership renewals and reminders. Sara Chase asked that, at the next board meeting, we discuss who will coordinate advertising in the newsletter now that Cheryl Summers has stepped down.

4) Bathhouse charette/update:

Angelo Abbate is working with Joanne Andrews to coordinate a Bathhouse workshop in which participants will work with designers to generate design ideas that can be used in renovating the Duke Park Bathhouse. Angelo will check with the Extension Office to determine if there is availability to hold the workshop in their space in November. Other venues that could be considered are the library and the church on Acadia St. Angelo noted that architect Andy Shull has volunteered his services. Bill Anderson gave a brief background of the Bathhouse situation for newcomers. Angelo noted that membership in DPPI is a one-time fee of \$15. Ed Hubbell asked if interested residents could tour the Bathhouse. Angelo recommended having weekly viewings of the Bathhouse leading up to the workshop. Bill Anderson has a key to the Bathhouse and can provide access.

5) Clean Energy Durham presentation:

Robin Michler from Clean Energy Durham explained that eight neighborhoods in Durham, including Duke Park, have access to \$20,000 in funding for activities that promote alternative forms of transportation. The focus is on a quantifiable effect on car miles reduced for an event – for example, a walk to school day or a “bike-in” movie in Duke Park. Dan Read asked if a train trip to the NC State Fair would be an appropriate use of these funds, and Robin approved of this idea. Robin also explained that Clean Energy Durham will profile individuals in each neighborhood who use alternative methods of transit.

6) Holiday Party:

Dan Read noted that the holiday party is coming up and said that he is willing to host this year if there are no other volunteers. The party will be held on December 3, with the Night of Lights to be held on December 12. Ed Hubbell said that he might be able to host the holiday party this year and would check on this possibility.

7) Review of minutes and eminutes:

Minutes and eminutes were approved by consensus.

8) Friends of Old North Durham Park:

Ian Kipp gave a presentation about planned improvements to Old North Durham Park. Friends of Old North Durham Park will be holding a meeting on Thursday September 23 at 12pm in the Trotter Building on Geer St. The group plans to apply for a State of North Carolina PARTF grant to improve the park. This grant would fund 50% of the improvements, with the remaining 50% having to be committed by other parties. The improvements could cost a total of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The Friends of Old North Durham Park will be asking for the (non-financial support of neighborhood associations in Durham.

9) Sidewalks and street trees:

Angelo Abbate gave an update on the status of the West Markham sidewalk project. The sidewalks are 95% designed and the project will go out for bids later this month. Construction will likely not start until 2012. Barry Ragin will work with Angelo to ensure that the plans are posted online.

Dan Read asked that this topic be placed on the agenda for October's meeting.

Adjournment:

-Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

-Minutes taken by secretary, Danny Jones.

-Next meeting (of the Board): October 12, 2010.