

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 2008, 7:00PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Members-at-large: Angelo Abbate, Barry Ragin, Bill Anderson, Brian Green, Suzanne Tyler.

Quorum Present: Yes.

Others Present: Ted Vorhees, Deputy City Manager, City of Durham

Proceedings:

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

-Minutes of February 13, 2008 meeting accepted and approved by majority. Cheryl presented Members report, and reported 67 active members. She also noted that Betty & Than Rewey, Bambi & Tony Riggsbee, Jonathan Strack, Cynthia Rider & Marcus Rogers were inadvertently omitted from the March "New & Renew" newsletter article. New and Renew Members this month include: Rob Dilworth & Lea Bingham, Gary & Kacey Eichelberger, Beth & Howard Eisenson, Steven Bobbitt, Sophie & Max Creech, Betty Hodges, David Negrotto, Sara Nelson & David Levi, and Fiona Rae & Barton Moyers.

-Brian reported an account balance of \$1,086.45.

Consent Agenda:

New Business:

Item #1: Projects / Issues

- a) 2008 Luminaria Packet. A majority ruled to increase the 2008 Luminaria packet to \$10/kit or 2 for \$15.
- b) Voter Registration. Dan urged everyone to register to vote by Fri., Apr. 11th; he also invited all residents to attend the 20th Precinct meet on Sat., Mar. 15th, 10am to be held at his home.
- c) Block Captains. Dan asked that those interested in becoming Block Captains to please contact him.
- d) Central Park Food Co-Op. Pam Campa welcomed interested residents to attend the organizational meet on Mon., Mar. 17th, 7pm at City Hall lower Conference Rm.
- e) Good Friday Waste Management Schedule. Dan reminded residents, whose normal trash pickup is Friday, to place containers curbside on Wed., Mar. 19th.
- f) DP NEC: Wenny Wigley encouraged residents to attend the next meet on Sat., Mar. 15th, 3-6pm.
- g) DPNA Webmaster: Barry stated that Claire Doyle-Ragin will no longer be able to maintain the DPNA website. Interested skilled webmasters should contact the Board.
- h) DPNA Board Elections: Dan stated that re-election of Board Members is just six months away. Persons interested in filling an office should contact the Board.

Item #2: "Around the Park"

Member registration insert (tabled for next meet).

Item #3: Community Events / Meetings

- a) Sat, Mar. 15th, 10a-1p: Shawnee Street cul-de-sac Cleanup (1700 Block), organized by Esther Bent. Rain date: March 30th.
- b) Sat, Mar. 15th, 10a: 20th Precinct Democrats meet, at home of Dan Read, 1424 Acadia St.
- c) Sat, Mar. 15th, 3-6p: DP NEC Weatherization Workshop at home of Greg & Michelle Old, 408 Englewood, followed by reception.
- d) Sun, Mar. 16th, DPNA Book Club, The Alchemist. Sign on to DPNA Listserv for details.
- e) Mon, Mar. 17th, 7p: Central park Food Co-Op at City Hall lower Conference Rm.

- f) Sat, Apr. 6th, 12n-Until: Pat Petersen & Doug Young's Spring Open House Party, 1701 Vista St.
- g) Sat., Apr. 12th, City of Durham Neighborhood Cleanup – place your junk curbside (stay tuned for prohibited items)!

Old Business:

Item #4: Ongoing Projects

- a) Bathhouse. Tabled for next meet.

Guest Presenter: Durham Water Drought and Conservation Plans

Item #5: Ted Vorhees, Deputy City Mgr., City of Durham

Mr. Vorhees Lake Mico and the Little River Reservoir are at near full volume. Durham county residents/commercial businesses averaged 18-22 mln glns per day in water usage, which is not above the 30% reduction table. He encouraged DPNA residents to continue the efficient use of water by installing high-efficient toilets, shower kits, composting and reducing the water pressure. The Deputy City Manager also stated that Durham County, Cary and Chatham Counties were collectively discussing water conservation programs that could be potentially implemented over the long term. Further, City Council is considering water management/conservation education, high-efficiency fixture installation incentives, and a revamp of the current billing system. Stay tuned for new developments and PLEASE continue to conserve water.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers