

Duke Park Neighborhood Association
Association Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2009, 7:08PM
1424 Acadia Street Durham, NC 27701

Board Members:

Present: Dan Read (president), Cheryl Summers (secretary), Brian Green (treasurer), Members-at-large: Angelo Abbate, John Sideris, Barry Ragin, president ex-officio.

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 Membership Report: **137 Active Members**, including Alison Carpenter & Mark Pettit, The Geizer & Dodge Family, Johna & Robert Kelley, Becca Merrill & Bud Whitmeyer. **Donations:** Alison Carpenter & Mark Pettit, Becca Merrill & Bud Whitmeyer, Sara Nelson.

-Treasurer's report: \$2,439.37 of 04/30/09. No outstanding bills.

Consent Agenda:

Item #1: Anonymous Letter "from" DPNA

The Board firstly disavows the recent anonymous letter sent to the Intehars (Camden Street property owners) in the name of DPNA. The Board resolves that it was in no way connected to such letter and regrets that it was sent. DPNA further resolves to continue to build a trust relationship with the Intehars and encourages reciprocal action on the part of the property owners, including joining DPNA and becoming proactive in the community. Finally, DPNA resolves that it maintains a zero tolerance policy for such action falsely conducted in the name of DPNA and urges all Duke Park neighbors to present any grievances with any property owner to the Board for proper handling. Such action in name of the organization must at a minimum be cleared by the Board if not the membership; people who violate this will be asked to leave the organization. Resolved to contact the Intehars, the property owners, and inform them of this resolution.

Item #2: Bathhouse Update

Duke Park neighbors need to collectively and passionately voice discontent to the City Council about the City's abandonment of the Bathhouse. Money we had requested appears to not be in the budget for 09-10.

Item #3: "Around the Park"

- a) Next issue: Sat, June 6th
- b) Articles deadline: Fri, May 15th. Events deadline: Mon, May 25th.
- c) The Board approved extra copies of the newsletter be printed for distribution at the Beaver Queen Pageant (on June 6th).
- d) If the current DPNA banner cannot be found, the Board approved the purchase of a new DPNA banner in time for display at the DPNA table to be setup at the Beaver Queen Pageant. Maximum authorized \$250.00. Brian Green may be able to get it for us.

Item #4: DPNA Annual July 4th Picnic

- a) A reminder will be published in the ATP re: Sat, July 4th DPNA Annual picnic.
- b) Dan will not be in town for this event. Volunteers to coordinate picnic will be solicited on the listserv and in the next ATP.

Item #5: DPNA Yard Sale Results

- a) Good weather. Good participation – 15 homes listed. Not a big fundraiser, but a good community event.

Item #6: Election of New Officers in September

- a) Dan and Angelo will step down as Board officers. Brian, Cheryl and John will continue.
- b) Dan will solicit new officers via the listserv; a call for volunteers will go into the next ATP. Main thing we need is a new president.

Item #7: DPNA Website

Discussed do we need a website? Most info is passed via list serve already. Tabled for next meeting. Get Brad Simpson to attend.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.
- Minutes taken by Secretary, Cheryl Summers.
- Next Meeting (of the Board): Tuesday, June 9, 2009.