

Minutes of the NPNA meeting held on July 18, 2013

at the Friendly City Civitan Club, Glendale Ave

1. Attending:

Board Members (quorum 4): Melissa Harrell, Debra Hawkins, Carol Henderson, Alice Kolacinski, Ian Pond, Adam Shestak, Dan Singer

Residents: Nancy Kneepkens, Jessica Moore, Jeanine Tregay

Handouts: Meeting Agenda July18, 2013, Treasurer's Report, NPNA income/Cost Summary, May 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes, June 9. 2013 Meeting Minutes,

Meeting presided over by Ian Pond and called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2013 were approved. June 9, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

3. Community Topics discussed:

National Night out

- Nancy Kneepkens and Deb Hawkins will organize NNO to be held on Aug. 6, 2013. Mike Shiflett registered NGP with NNO.

T shirt contest

- We will request a run of tee shirts when our liability is reduced from \$840 to \$500.
- Labor Day is our target date for tee shirt availability.
- 111 votes have been placed so far, with 364 preferences. 77 people want a tee shirt design for kids. The bronto cartoon entry would satisfy this.
- LoMo donated gift certificates of \$25.00 for each tee shirt design winner. Two in total.
- Deb has four \$100.00 tee shirt sponsors: King's Red & White, Nancy Rizzo Realtor, St. Paul's UMC, Dickinson's Designs.
- Discounts of 30% will be offered on the t shirts for pre-orders and an extra \$1.00 off if purchaser is a NPNA member or if three shirts are ordered at a time an additional discount of \$1.00 per shirt will be applied. Tee shirts are priced at \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids.

Bylaws

-Ian will send Adam the June 5, 2011 version of the bylaws. Adam will incorporate the new changes.

Park Recycling

- The locks on the bins aren't working. Bernie Paige has purchased a second set of locks. NPNA will reimburse her.

Open Arts Society

- Jessica Moore is interested in using the original museum building in the park for art installations or community art projects. She has also organized the Durham Storefront art project. Rosetta Radke, Durham Parks and Recreation, met with Jessica, Ian and Mike S. to assess the viability of the building. Fortunately, it's in better shape than expected. Jessica hopes to have an art project there in Fall 2013. More to come....

Halloween

- Ian will ask Donald Clary if the Elgin Street block will host this year. Last year they did not have a block party.

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May 2013 highlights

- Tom Bonfield presented an overview of the 2013 budget and its challenges.

The 4 policy changes used to balance the budget are:

Increase the cost of downtown parking by \$10/month (still doesn't pay for itself)

Increase the cost of a monthly DATA pass (still a substantial discount, and the poorest users don't usually have the cash to use the monthly rate, so we are hoping the increase will mostly fall on more well-off riders)

Institute a \$1.50/month fee for solid waste capital recovery

Operational efficiencies, including cutting a net 11 positions (eliminating 16, but adding 3 new police forensics positions required by the state, 1 new position in 911 center that is paid for by fees collected by the phone companies, and 1 parking manager).

June 2013 highlights

- John Killeen, NIS, gave an update on the **Neighborhood Compass** project. He passed out an information sheet and gave a demonstration of the website, which will not be on line until August. Neighborhood Compass is part of the Strategic Plan goal of having thriving, livable neighborhoods; it will integrate city, county, and other data to let us track progress on neighborhood improvement and see shifts in the overall quality of life. It will also identify where we want to get more data; for example, solid waste would need a scale on the truck if they wanted to know where garbage is coming from in more detail than just by route. The tool uses data on individual locations, but all the user sees is the data aggregated to census block or neighborhood. There were lots of good suggestions about the tool and some concern about how the maps could be misinterpreted about the character of neighborhoods.
- Jessica Moore talked about the **Open Art Society** (<http://www.openartsociety.org/project/>); It grew out of the Durham Storefront Project (<http://durhamstorefrontproject.org>). Their TBD project will pair artists with neighborhoods to do an art installation or artwork. They are starting with a pilot project in Northgate Park (on Lavender Street) and will be looking for 4-5 other neighborhoods for 2014. Please contact Jessica if your neighborhood is interested.

2013/2014 priorities

- We should put an emphasis on membership renewal for the next three or four months.
- The web site domain name needs to be renewed.
- What kind of web presence do we need? The sheriff's office is going to use Nextdoor.com as their communication tool.
- Lavender St. house projects- Art installation, other ideas
- Develop a financial plan to increase the funds in the NPNA account in order to help the neighborhood.
- Reduce the cost of the newsletter with more advertising.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial Activity:

Beginning balance: \$2457.87

Income: \$450.79
Expenses: \$508.09

Ending balance: \$2400.57

Membership: 51
Households: 51; Commercial: 0

Topics for next meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.