

## Minutes of the NPNA meeting held on Feb. 20, 2014

at the Friendly City Civitan Club, Glendale Ave

### **1. Attending:**

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

Residents: Laura Florand, Mia Florand, Sebastien Florand, Terry Kolacinski, Cheryl Shiflett, Mike Shiflett, Jeanine Tregay, Sandee Washington

**Handouts:** Meeting Agenda Feb. 20, 2014, Treasurer's Report, NPNA income/Cost Summary, Jan. 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting presided over by Ian Pond called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Meeting Minutes for Jan. 16, 2014 were approved as corrected.

3. Community Topics discussed:

### **Good Neighbor Award was presented to Mia Florand.**

- Mia at the tender age of eight has been present at Park Cleanups and spent most of her day helping NPNA with Night of Lights (luminaries) on Dec. 15, 2013. In fact, she's been an active participant for several years. We commend her for having great community spirit. (We also thank her parents, Laura and Sebastien.)

### **City Tree Replacement project**

- Tree planting on the 800 block of Ruby Street will take place March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers and City Employees will be there to help.

### **Membership and Advertising Rates in 2014**

- **Motion was passed to keep existing NPNA membership rates in 2014/2015.**
- Ian will include the membership renewal date in the 1st quarter newsletter of 2014.
- It was suggested that we stop offering the free 25 word line style advert in the newsletter for neighbors and make it a chargeable item with a rate of \$10.00.
- Dan will send the board his advertising rate suggestions.
- We should make a decision regarding rates before the April NPNA board meeting.
- Motion was passed to have the Annual Meeting take place on June 8, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter.

### **Durham Mardi Gras**

- Deb is on the Mardi Gras committee. The parade and culmination party is March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- She also gave us postcard sized adverts for the associated events. The Mardi Gras committee also raises funds to defray costs and one day be able to have free admission for attendees.

### **Web Development**

- Deb has created a Face Book page for NPNA.
- Sandee can be a real asset for our web presence. She has a background in graphic design, knows Wordpress and is a photographer. Ian will contact Deann and let her know that Sandee is interested in working with her on our web site, both design and maintenance.

- PAC2 meetings and associated topics should be added to the Yahoo Calendar. Dan can get the info from Nancy Kneepkens.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Financial Activity:

Beginning balance: \$2641.11

Income: \$.00

Expenses: \$.00

Ending balance: \$2641.11

Membership: 97

Households: 97; Commercial: 0

**Goal of maintaining an average balance of \$2000.00 in the account was achieved for 2013/2014.**

**Deb stressed the need for us to promote interest in NPNA memberships, newsletter advertising and other sales to keep us in a healthy financial position.**

**Meeting was adjourned 8:35 p.m.**

### **INC summary Nov/Dec 2013**

INC has met once in skeleton form since last NPNA meeting due to snow; the 10-12 delegates heard an abbreviated presentation from two of the Durham Mardi Gras' board members, and passed the two resolutions that NPNA had voiced support for at our own meeting the week before. (See underlined section in notes below).

Below is a copy of the text I have submitted to our newsletter as my quarterly report to Northgate residents with a bit more detail. A few of the items relate to the Nov/Dec combined meeting and the rest to the meeting I mention above. Mike Shiflett attended the former as our alternate; due to safety considerations (as with most delegates) neither of us attended the latter.

Interneighborhood Council late fall/winter 2013/14 – Deb Hawkins, Rep for NGP

INC has had a shorter but industrious winter season – normally meeting only once in Nov/Dec, and being \*almost\* snowed out in January! Delegates persevered & accomplished the following:

\* 2013 workgroups continued their focus on concerns from residents and delegates:

\* Zoning & Development

\* Membership & Outreach

\* Nuisance Abatement

\* Speeding & Traffic

\* Bike, Pedestrian & Transit

\* Parks/Public Space & Environment

M&O members will be attending PAC2 meetings in early 2014 to make outreach to new neighborhoods to join INC. Z&D are tackling the complex issues of Wireless Communications Facilities. S&T are working on a resolution to encourage more/better n'hood traffic enforcement; BP&T are reviewing sidewalk placement processes in n'hoods without them. PPS&E are finalizing their kids' educational project.

While some of our 2013 work groups will carry forward into 2014, others will wrap up soon. INC will not have a new workshop in the new year, but residents with new issues or suggestions for new committees are encouraged to forward these to their delegate for mention to the INC body or executive committee in its first few sessions.

\* Several motions were passed:

One in support of the city council delaying consideration of proposed UDO amendment TC1200012 (multi-family developments) while delegates conferred with neighborhoods;

One (in a later session) supporting rejection of the proposed TC1200012 changes above, after canvass of residents and neighborhoods was completed;

One naming several recommendations and modifications to the Durham City Planning department's proposed rules regarding Wireless Communications Facilities that better safeguard the process for resident concerns and input.

\* Despite the vicissitudes of a winter snowstorm, delegates were able to meet in person or via iphone conference call in January, in order to complete urgent committee business above.

\* Delegates also took time to honor a minute of silence in recognition of the passing of Becky Herron, a tireless community activist and longstanding member of city committees & boards including DOST (Durham Open Spaces & Trails Commission). We all take great inspiration from her example of giving back.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter season & see you in the spring!

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INC (Interneighborhood council of Durham) links with city/county government and community organizations to foster communication & participation in building a greater Durham for all. We meet each 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ Golden Belt Arts Complex (807 E. Main Street, bldg #2, 3rd floor DINS conference room). See [www.durham-inc.org](http://www.durham-inc.org) for more info/to join listserv. A report is given at every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday NPNA meeting @Civitan Center by your rep (Debra Hawkins - [dhawkins913311@gmail.com](mailto:dhawkins913311@gmail.com)).