

## Minutes of the NPNA meeting held on Jan. 16, 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: Terry Kolacinski, Jeanine Tregay

**Handouts:** Meeting Agenda Jan. 16, 2014, Treasurer's Report, NPNA income/Cost Summary, Nov. 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting presided over by Ian Pond called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Meeting Minutes for Nov. 21, 2013 were approved.

3. Community Topics discussed:

### **Duke Diet and Fitness Center (DDFC) Constructed Wetland**

The DDFC property on Trinity Ave. was selected by Durham Stormwater services for the wetland project. This is a nine acre area close to the source of downtown's water runoff.

City Councilman Eugene Brown called a meeting with the Sierra Club and ECWA to discuss the possibility of not razing the DDFC building. A buyer is interested in the building. Councilman Brown also suggested that the land across from Northgate Park could be used as an additional wetland to make up for lost acreage in this scenario.

Enhancing the building seems to be against FEMA guidelines since it is in a flood zone. Carol has raised the concern that a wetland close to I85 (land on Club Blvd.) will increase noise pollution for our community as trees will be razed. Deb pointed out that feasibility studies would have to be performed to determine if this is a valid site for a wetland. Ian will voice our concerns to the list serve and ask people to send letters to City Council in support of using all nine acres (razing the DDFC building) in the original constructed wetland proposal.

- Motion was passed to support the South Ellerbe Watershed project, constructing a wetland at Trinity Ave., which includes razing the DDFC building.

### **City Tree Replacement project**

- Alex will plant live oaks on the open area of 800 Ruby Street. Magnolias will be planted near the wooded area. Mowing restrictions prevented Magnolias from being planted in the open area near the I85 exit.

### **T shirt sales**

- Deb has submitted payment to the vendor. She is still working with him regarding shirts with flaws, sizing issues etc.
- To date, we have \$39.00 in profit on T shirt sales. Deb has approximately 100 shirts left for sale.
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## **INC Motions**

- An online vote by the NPNA board was passed Jan. 22, 2014 to support INC's vote against TC120012 (more changes were made to the Unified Development Ordinance).
- Motion was carried to support INC's "DURHAM INTERNEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS".
- As draft changes are made to the traffic enforcement proposal, Deb will continue to vote Yes unless significant changes are made.
- Dan paid NPNA's INC 2014 membership dues 12 4 13.
- Will ECWA continue to advertise in the NPNA newsletter in 2014? Deb will ask Mike Shiflett to enquire.
- INC summary for Nov/Dec will appear in the Feb 2014 minutes.

## **Durham Mardi Gras**

- Deb is on the Mardi Gras committee. The kick off party is next weekend at the Pin Hook. The parade and culmination party is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Web Development**

- Deb is working on a Face Book mock up for our review.
- Sandee Washington is still interested in helping with our web site. Deb will invite her to our Feb. 2014 NPNA meeting.

## **Food Truck Rodeos**

- Not clear yet if the start date will be in February or March. Permit is needed and vendors need to be contacted.

## **Lavender House**

- The City of Durham has received a reasonable price quote for dismantling the house per Rosetta Radke, Parks and Rec. The ReUse Warehouse will salvage what they can. The city will keep the stone work in place which includes the pillars and fireplace.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Financial Activity:

Beginning balance: \$4141.25

Income: \$438.00

Expenses: \$1938.14

Ending balance: \$2641.11

Membership: 97

Households: 97; Commercial: 0

**Of note, fiscal year and memberships for NPNA start April 2014.**

**We need to set a date for our annual NPNA meeting and pay our ECWA membership dues.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**