

Northgate Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

6:40 PM - 7:20PM. The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Mary Calvopina of Durham CAN. A summary of the presentation is below the minutes.

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm

Board Members present: Alice Kolacinski, Deb Hawkins, Sue Gilbertson, Jeremy Jorgensen, Tom Melby, Bernie Page, Ian Pond, Mike Shiflett, Dan Singer
Community members present: Ike Clark, Susan Brooks.

Emailed prior to meeting: Agenda, November Minutes, December & January Treasurer's Report, Committee reports

Call for Other Items from Community and Board Jeremy added Egg Hunt and asked for support. Deb volunteered to connect him with Wendy Tregay., Mike added tree planting

Approval of Minutes: November, approved without issue

Treasurer's Report emailed out ahead of meeting and accepted without question.

Committee/Liaison updates:

Tennis Court backboard circulated - Ian

Bylaws circulated in Dec. Draft to be presented at March meeting for review at April meeting - Alice

Financial Review committee. Procedure and timeline to execute financial review circulated in hard copy by Cheryl/Sue. Financial Review to be completed before the Annual Meeting.

Luminaries circulated in Dec Bernie

Welcome Signs circulated in Dec Deb. Photos of other neighborhood signs to be circulated. Design is as emailed, text plus fingerprints. Deb focusing on this as a community art project, Mike to address permanent community welcome signs and research City ordinances.

Lavender House Dedication/Landscaping circulated in Dec Deb, update: probable celebration at FT Rodeo April 26

Food truck rodeo new coordinator Farrah Shapiro has emailed the city. There will be no \$75 monthly fee!!!!

Healthy Neighborhood Mike

Durham Parks Foundation Deb, requesting NPNA consider membership. Deb to share links for more information.

ECWA and INC donation/membership paid in Feb by Dan.

Murray Ave pedestrian walkway striping - circulated AND DONE! Hurrah!

Diversity - Bernie. Bernie moved to continue Spanish insert for one year contingent upon a sponsor covering expenses for insert. Mike seconded, passed unanimously. Bernie announced that she intends to format a poll to get residents feedback on the effectiveness of the newsletter and insert.

Bernie asked that all members read the website and comment back if they wish to pursue changes.

Annual Meeting primary date Sunday May 20th, 4pm-6pm. June 10th as rain date.

Accepted unanimously.

- Mike/Tom to chair providing food for Annual Picnic
- Dan requested listserv emails be issued asking for Board nominations
- Newsletter article suggested covering Annual Picnic and Board nominations

Tom to draft a message to residents to assess the level of interest in joining CAN and potential financial support for the membership fee.

Mike briefed that tree planting was done Feb 3rd, 128 trees just in NP, Over 60 volunteers. Mike has list of species by location if anyone needs.

Announcements: Food Truck Rodeo membership table signup sheet to circulate. Please sign up for 2 dates.

Nominations are coming up. Please look around now for good potential board members and start talking it up.

Minutes to reflect a motion Feb 8th and approved on line Feb 10th: If after reviewing the procedure to change the domain from GoDaddy to HostGator, Dan feels comfortable changing it, then he should change the domain to HostGator and renew the name and domain for a year.

8:15 PM Meeting adjourned.

Mary Calvopina of Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) presented a summary of CAN's aims and answered attendees' questions.

CAN is an organization of organizations and trains community leaders. CAN is currently focused on affordable housing and jobs. Examples of CAN's successes include:

Getting the Durham Housing Authority to purchase 19 acres of land downtown and commit to buildings that would benefit the neighborhood.

Two acres in the middle of downtown designated for 80 units of affordable housing with Self Help likely a co-developer.

Two acres alongside the bus station designated for affordable housing in addition to parking.

CAN's approach is to come with solutions not just complaints.

Topics are identified and researched through listening sessions. 2000-2500 people polled with each group identifying three issues. CAN leadership then tabulate those issues and an Assembly of around 300 from member organizations whittle this down to the top three issues.

Membership dues are 1% of operating budget with a minimum of \$1000 and a max of \$10,000. Only two neighborhoods are currently members, Watts Hillandale and an unnamed group close to Jackson Street.

The next Assembly to identify issues to address will be in May/June
CAN closely follows the principles of IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation).