

DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board Meeting
Wed., January 24, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
Location: The Frazer Center

IN ATTENDANCE

Officers: A Wallace, A Keenan, F Putney, K Gibson

Past Pres./Ex-Officio: K Vandenberg

Div Chairs: J Critz, S Day, Y Weatherly, M St. Louis, S Thornton, S Mathias

2018: B Evans, R Hughes, C Waterbury

2019: R Atkins, H Lane, P Moise, A Silverman

2020: R Benefield, J Giegerich, J Jones L Van Gelderen

Speaker: Becky Evans

Board Member Becky Evans is running for Georgia House District 83 and the Democratic primary is May 22, 2018. District 83 was created in 2012 and extends from North Druid Hills south past Panthersville. Becky promises leadership to end corruption and promote communities where all residents can participate. She has many years of active experience volunteering in our schools, communities and local politics. She has raised three adult children in Druid Hills and was born in Texas to a realtor and school teacher mother and a minister and civil rights activist father. Her website is Beckyevans.com

Welcome

President Anne Wallace called the weather-delayed meeting to order on the fourth Wednesday of January three days after the annual meeting. The November minutes were approved without changes.

There are 41 board members this year and all present introduced themselves. New members include John Giegerich, Jan Jones, and Sue Sullivan. Board meetings will take place at the Frazer Center this year while St. Johns is under construction.

Announcements

All committee members as well as board members need to have their 2018 dues paid and all need to read the Bylaws which are on the website. Let the Governance Committee know of any questions or suggestions concerning the Bylaws.

Phil Moise handed out copies of the Governance Committee Recommendations that were also sent out by email. Approvals of Committee Chairs, Division Chairs, Executive Committee members nominated by the president, and the Reinstatement of Special Committees are listed as an addendum to the minutes. A Motion to approve all chairs listed passed with none opposed.

Five procedures to make board meetings more efficient (also listed in the addendum to the minutes) were discussed and a Motion to adopt the five procedures passed with none opposed.

FLOCK Safety Presentation

There is much interest in dealing with crime when police response is limited due the distance to police headquarters. At the annual meeting last week, Flock Safety presented their system that assists police investigations. Solar powered cameras take photos as cars exit Druid Hills and provide evidence that police can use to prosecute criminals, although the community controls the data which can only be produced when a police report is filed. Because Atlanta Councilman Alex Wan has

provided Druid Hills with a \$25000 safety grant which could include cameras, Division 1 could test a pilot program using the Flock Safety system. Eleven cameras at \$1500 per camera per year are needed to cover District 1, so the system could be implemented by raising \$8000 for a two-year lease. If successful, the whole neighborhood benefits from word getting out about DH surveillance deterring crime. Discussions considered the affordability of implementing a larger Flock System for \$90000 for two years in addition to the DH Patrol which costs \$250000 per year. Questions and comments can be sent to President Anne Wallace.

Treasurer's Report

There are funds in all of our banking accounts and the increase in membership dues is a good start to the year.

Committee Reports

The House and Garden Tour: Steven Mathias reported that the 6 homes and 6 gardens have been selected, that the Chair positions are filled, and that 22% of the needed docents have signed up. All board members are expected to be docents for at least one shift and you can sign up on line.

Membership: Although we have 70 new members, our membership of 600 is down by 70 compared to last year which means many members have not renewed.

A former member and Tour volunteer has moved to Decatur and wishes to become a member. Our Bylaws permit this with board approval.

Communications: Fran Putney reported that a decision was made to have 4 issues of the DH News per year which requires more volunteers. The next issue is the Tour issue in March followed with June, September and November issues. The deadline for the March issue is February 9. All board members are asked for ideas for topics and writers. A communications Committee is being revived by Fran to make it easy to have member volunteers and the many young families moving into the neighborhood are also encouraged to participate.

Division 2: Yvette Weatherly reported that a meeting took place last night on making the 1911 CSX Bridge over Ponce more appealing. Suggestions include moving the height caution sign further before the bridge and planting native plants at the base of the bridge. Any changes to the bridge are complicated since GDOT and CSX are both in charge.

The January DHCA Board meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Addendum: Governance Committee Recommendations

Approval of Standing Committee Chairs*

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| DeKalb Land Use & Historic Preservation | Kit Eisterhold |
| Governance | Phil Moise |
| Landmark District Preservation | Jan Jones |
| Membership & Community | Steven Mathias and Larissa Teunis |
| Tour of Homes | Ryan Graham |
| Transportation | Mike St. Louis and Van Biesel |
| DH News Editors | Jenny Richardson, Editor Susan Baker, Managing Editor |

* The Bylaws provide that committee chairs can serve no more than three consecutive terms in the same position, unless the Board approves an exception. Approval of these chairs will constitute approval of any required exceptions.

Approval of Division Chairs

Division 1 Justin Critz and Sharon Day

Division 2 Yvette Weatherly

Division 3 Allan Ballard

Division 4 Mike St. Louis

Division 5 Renee Nelson

Division 6 [*open*]

Division 7 Steven Mathias and Sandra Thornton

Division 8 Van Biesel and Ron Foust

Division 9 Steven Misner

Approval of Executive Committee Members – President’s Nominees**

Van Biesel

Justin Critz,

Chris Liggett,

Steven Mathias

** The President is authorized to nominate up to five members. Anne is nominating four members at this time and expects to nominate one more member in February or March.

Reinstatement of Special Committees***

Annexation Study Committee

Parents’ Network

*** All special committees (i.e., non-standing committees) automatically deactivate at the end of each calendar year unless reinstated by the Board.

Meeting Procedures

In order to promote the more orderly conduct of business and more efficient use of the Board’s time, the Governance Committee recommends that the Board adopt the following meeting procedures.

1. Proposals for Board action must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the 2nd Monday of the month so the Executive Committee can consider the proposal and make recommendations to the Board the following week. All such proposals must be accompanied by a form of resolution together with supporting data and/or explanations.
2. Requests to be on the Board meeting agenda must be presented to the President or the President’s designee by the 3rd Monday of the month. Failing to make a timely request, a director may make a presentation to the Board only with the approval of the President or the First Vice President.
3. Presentations at Board meetings are to be limited to 10 minutes unless the presiding officer allows additional presentation time. The presenter will not be interrupted during his or her presentation unless allowed by the presiding officer. The presiding officer will allow a reasonable time for questions and discussion following the presentation.
4. During meetings all directors are expected to conduct themselves in a business-like manner, to be respectful of all other directors and to avoid personal attacks and inflammatory remarks.
5. Changes to these procedures may be made by (1) the Board and (2) the Executive Committee with the advice of the Governance Committee. Any changes made by the Executive Committee will be communicated to the Board as soon as practicable.