

**DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wed., June 19, 2019 @ 7:30 pm**  
**Location: St. John's Lutheran Church**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Officers: K. Eisterhold, C. Liggett, F. Putney, J. Giegerich.

Past Pres./Ex-Officio: B MacGregor, C Vandenberg, J. Critz

NPU/N: C Sleeth,

Div Chairs: M .St Louis, D. Engle, S. Thornton, S.Mathias, R. Foust, V. Biesel, S. Misner

2019: H. Lane, T. McGuigan, T. Roeser

2020: R. Hughes

2021: D. Shuey, D. Rollins, W. Tomlin

DH News: Jennie Richardson

Guests (partial list): Helen & Don O'Shea, James & Susan Herrin, Mike Walters, Lorene Faulkenberry, Patricia Green, Nanette Loftis, H. Caldwell, Jeff Rader, Honora Handley, Mark Bergeson, Peter Ash, Kim & John Thompson, Debra Hartsfield

President Kit Eisterhold called the Board meeting to order and the May minutes were approved.

**Announcements**

Kit mentioned 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Oakdale & Byway

Guest Speakers: Historic Druid Hills Preservation Alliance

Honora Handley, President HDHPA – speaking on Kimley Horn report:

834 Lullwater Road – Many residents from Lullwater Road present. Topic in minutes and brought to EC since 2016. Three reasons: 1) want DHCA to take formal position on Kimley Horn proposal; 2) Lullwater Road residents want master plan 3) asking DHCA for residential communications & direct engagement. Ask to be considered like zoning, most impacted residents have a voice. "KH report was engineered for an outcome."

Concerns: Want safe neighborhood. Report did not consider safety. Not safest plan for cyclists. All options take away on-street parking. During March & April, 35 cyclists on Lullwater Road daily. Want reduced speed. Design charrette? DeKalb RFP. Cites inaccuracies in report. Thinks process didn't include residents by design. Says there will be consequences if DHCA doesn't support residents.

Regarding point #1 – wants DHCA to study the report

Regarding #2 Master Plan – Master plan went street by street (Poncy-HL)

Questions & comments from audiences – Emory's plans for connectivity to other universities, etc. was called a "Solution in search of a problem."

Justin: how does Board affect influence for neighbors – How do we deal with mechanics of such a situation? How do we allot affected neighbors influence? Mentions of 2016 path proposal.

Lullwater resident: Felt like we were not listened to.

Jeff Rader – when the time comes, there will be public input in the process, broad public interest, but neighborhood support. We hear constituents on all streets. Won't do anything that doesn't make sense in broader sense. PATH not as influential as you might fear.

Jennie Richardson – Jennie Richardson gave a summary of the events that transpired from 2016-2019 regarding the PATH (and later DeKalb County and Emory's) plans for bike paths in Druid Hills.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Van Biesel

Will work on bike/ped study. 4 active sub-committees, now will also have one for this report at next meeting; come up with plan for addressing report and develop positions. Next meeting is July 2, Tuesday. Welcome anyone to come.

### EMORY LAND USE COMMITTEE – Steve Misner

Dealing with setting up special com/task force to deal with fact we rep unincorporated DeKalb running along Emory & City. Try to establish liaison at Emory & City planning staff & Comm. Ide. We have no formal say with city of Atlanta. Then comes news Emory wanted to establish overlay with no minimum parking requirements. Good news – that will cut down traffic at rush hour, etc. Bad news: anticipate tremendous pressure on us for unwanted parkers. Looking at what do we do to prevent being overwhelmed people who no longer have place to park on campus & looking to park in neighborhood. Emory is trying to cut down on single occupancy vehicles, but worried they'll park in neighborhood. Chris Liggett not sure how big a problem it's going to be – thinks Emory is trying to create parking “nodes” instead of having parking all across campus. Thinks we should monitor for sure.

### LANDMARK DISTRICT – Jennie Richardson

Situation with contractor/homeowner on Springdale – 3 large trees cut illegally, including a champion tree. Also removed historic windows from home. Our group asked Doug Young, to put stop work order and possibly impose fines.

### LAND USE COMMITTEE – Bruce MacGregor

Structured parking at Emory. Parking waiver...Rezoning on Briarcliff opposite Stillwood. Pre-zoning hearing at 7 pm June 27 here at St Johns. Tribridge Lullwater Gardens development – reportedly planning to propose maximum density... Toll Brothers @ Milledge Place across from Sage Hill – have withdrawn application. Atlanta re-doing Tree Ordinance – we in DeKalb watching this.

### COMMUNICATIONS – Fran Putney

DH News Magazine in mailboxes. Deadlines for next issue and July e-News.

### PUBLIC SAFETY – Thea Roeser

Trying to get crime data. Had graph for DH city of Atlanta 2015 – 2018. July is busy time as are Wednesdays and Thursdays. Doug Rollins trying to map out “hot spots,” generally where lots of cars congregate in retail areas like Emory Village or Fernbank, streets that cut through to VA-HI.

The June DHCA Board meeting adjourned at 9:20.