

DRUID HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board Meeting
Wed., August 15, 2018 @ 7:30 pm
Hosted by: Steven Misner
Location: The Frazer Center

IN ATTENDANCE

Officers: A Wallace, R Graham, F Putney, K Gibson
Past Pres./Ex-Officio: C Vandenberg, B MacGregor, J Richardson, C Sleeth
Div Chairs: J Critz, Y Weatherly, M St. Louis, R Nelson, D Engle, S Thornton,
V Biesel, S Misner.
2018: B Evans, R Hughes, J Moore, T Roeser, M Walters
2019: P Moise, A Silverman
2020: S Sullivan, L Van Gelderen

President Anne Wallace called the August Board meeting to order and the May and July minutes were approved.

Announcements:

Jennie Richardson reported that Amy Erwin, long time board member of OLPA and the Candler Park Conservancy died last Saturday.

The second annual Picnic in the Park will be held on September 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 at Dellwood Park on Ponce and Clifton. The DHCA is sharing expenses with OLPA and all attendees should sign up on our website (<https://www.druidhills.org/event-2996505>). Steve Misner announced that there will also be Volleyball in addition to food and music.

Wild Apricot update: There is a new “polls” feature which should help in getting estimates of community opinions.

Flock Update: Anne Wallace reported that installation of FLOCK security cameras at intersections in Division 1, will take place starting in late August. It was suggested that someone should take photos of the installation for the next DH News issue.

Ponce de Leon Drainage Project: Justin Critz reported on the dangerous standing water problem on Ponce across from East Lake Road between the Frazer Center and North Ponce. It is a GDOT safety responsibility and they now propose taking 2 feet of the existing ROW on the north side of Ponce to address the problem. This is a significant improvement over an initial proposal taking ten feet which would have removed the row of Tulip Poplars planted in last decade. Nothing is definite but OLPA is keeping in contact. Alida expressed concern about any intrusion into the historic park and the necessity of being vigilant. Justin reminded us that even if we are unable to assess the effectiveness of the current proposal, there is currently a serious problem and something will need to be done to have proper drainage in this busy traffic corridor on Ponce. Robert Hughes volunteered to contact people he has connections with at GDOT.

Committee Reports:

Governance Committee: Phil Moise encouraged members to contact Chris Liggett with nominations for the 2019 slate of officers. 10 or 12 nominations are needed.

Phil then reminded all members to read the proposed Code of Conduct that was emailed and is posted on the web site before it is discussed and voted on in the future. The proposed code is typical of larger non-profit organizations and is adapted to express expectations on how the board should deal with conflicts with the public as well as each other. All are encouraged to Email any questions to Phil. Some items are covered in the By-Laws but this puts all expectations for appropriate actions in one place.

Public Safety Committee: Thea Roeser explained how understaffed police departments limit coverage in DH and submitted data showing how car crime dominates total crimes in DH at 80%. We can reduce the incentives for criminals to come to DH to break into cars by spreading the word about leaving all parked cars "clean" as advocated by DeKalb County Police. It is necessary to stop car break-ins before criminal activity escalates into house break-ins. As a first step, the Public Safety Committee has reduced the cost of printing and distributing the "If you leave it, they will retrieve it" cards to \$1092. The 3x5 cards will be included in the September DH News as a start to a visual campaign, but the campaign will follow up with more articles and more public signage.

Anne reported that we have increased the number of Neighborhood Watch street captains. Now DeKalb County needs to place an appropriate number of Neighborhood Watch signs to let the public know we are watching. Jennifer Moore suggested that we also need to actively talk to each other and address people to let them know we are watching them. Individuals should also consider installing "ring video doorbells" that can also be effective.

Finance Committee: Ryan Graham distributed the Proposed FY2019 Budget with differences between current and projected items highlighted. 2018 income is above the budgeted income and operating expenses are less than what was budgeted. Over one half of our net is contributed to the community in donations. Because of the success in managing our expenses, we have a positive cash flow so we will start transferring funds from the operating account into our savings account. A vote was taken on the proposed budget and it was unanimously approved.

Carol Sleeth reported that the Festival on Ponce has been criticized for not supporting the community where it is held, so last year they did contribute \$500 to OLPA. A suggestion was made to support the Festival on Ponce which is grandfathered in at the NPU contingent on the continued support of OLPA. A vote was taken by residents of the City of Atlanta to support the festival with 4 Yeas, 1 Nay, and 1 Abstained.

DeKalb Land Use Committee: Steve Misner reported that a developer is attempting to build two units on the corner of Briarcliff and Harvard. By reorienting the lots to face Harvard, no variances are needed.

Transportation Committee: Mike St. Louis reported that a response is due from the consultants proposing mini-roundabouts on N. Decatur intersections between Briarcliff and Lullwater. So far the committee has been unable to meet with them for specifics of what they are proposing. The board recommended four-way stops but this was rejected, but there remain significant traffic problems

getting from Ponce to Emory. Leon Van Gelderen asked why Emory doesn't have police directing traffic at Oakdale as Paideia does on Ponce.

Division Reports:

Division 2: Yvette Weatherly reported that Decatur passed the East Lake/West Howard MARTA development but with a reduced height from 5 to 4 stories. We do not have a say about this Decatur project but we will be affected by traffic on Ridgecrest. Currently zoned institutional, the project will be rezoned as mixed use.

The August DHCA Board meeting adjourned at 9:12.