

Druid Hills Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2020
St. John's Lutheran Church

In Attendance: Anne Wallace, John Giegerich, Justin Critz, Yvette Weatherly, Ron Faust, Van Biesel, Steven Misner, Harriett Lane, Thea Roeser, Jan Jones, Sue Sullivan, Leon Van Gelderen, Travis Blalock

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Call to Order: meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Omitted due to lack of quorum.

Announcements:

- January 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. is Kickoff Meeting at Fernbank Museum
- EC discussed not having a February Board Meeting – recommend not
- Discussion of discontinuing refreshment hosts for meetings

Membership Committee:

Thea Roeser read a prepared statement regarding her transition from Chair of the Public Safety Committee to Chair of the Membership Committee. Since a quorum was not present, Thea's appointment to the Membership Chair position could not be approved. The Board should expect an electronic communication from Anne Wallace to approve this appointment.

Public Safety Committee:

Doug Rollins was introduced as the prospective new Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Since a quorum was not present, Doug's appointment to the Public Safety Chair position could not be approved. The Board should expect an electronic communication from Anne Wallace to approve this appointment. That same communication should also seek approval for the annual establishment of the ad hoc Public Safety Committee, as it is not a standing committee according to the current Bylaws. Comment was made that Public Safety should be made a standing committee.

Finance Committee:

John Giegerich, Treasurer, gave highlights of the Association's current finances. So far annual membership dues are at approximately \$21,000 versus \$33,000 last year. John expects the total to come in around \$28,000. There is currently about \$203,000 in cash in the bank account.

There followed further discussion of various budget items, including a donation request from the Equal Justice Initiative. Said donation request may be submitted to the Board electronically, with the EC having recommended an amount of \$500.

Governance Committee:

Harriett Lane gave an update on the Theisen Consulting Project. There are plans to send a postcard with a website link to the neighborhood survey and to use the NextDoor platform to distribute the survey as widely as possible. Harriett thanked the Division Chairs for organizing the focus groups, which are planned to be held in early February. The Governance Committee has also identified certain current and former Board members that it is recommending that Terri Theisen interview individually. Harriett had prepared a request to the Board for \$1985.45 to cover the costs of printing and postage for the survey notice postcard. Since a quorum was not present, the request could not be approved. The Board should expect an electronic communication from Anne Wallace to approve this expenditure.

Transportation Committee:

Van Diesel gave the Transportation Committee update. GDOT will host a public meeting on January 23, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Frazier Center to address its proposed drainage project along Ponce de Leon. There was a discussion about DHCA's involvement with this project vis a vis the involvement of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance insofar as the area along Ponce de Leon fronting Deepdene Park is the primary consideration.

There followed an update regarding the installation of solar-powered pedestrian crosswalk lights at the intersection of Springdale Road and N. Decatur Road. Such lights are also to be installed in Emory Village in front of the CVS.

DeKalb Land Use Committee:

Steve Mizner gave the DeKalb Land Use Committee report. The Committee is keeping an eye on a proposed Vista Grove incorporation and other annexation issues. Discussion included a review of the recent settlement of the lawsuit between the DeKalb Public Schools System and the Atlanta Public School System pursuant to Emory University's annexation into the City of Atlanta.

LDPC:

Jan Jones gave the report from the Landmark District Preservation Committee. The owners of 818 Springdale have requested a review by the Committee. The owner of 1372 Fairview has requested a review by the Committee. The Tamas properties located at the corner of Clifton and South Ponce de Leon are currently being marketed for sale. The Tamas family expects to sell them to a developer as they are zoned for multi-family use. Members of the LDPC met with the realtor this morning and the Committee intends to keep a close watch on the properties.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.