

Board of Directors Meeting  
Druid Hills Civic Association  
7:30 pm Wednesday, March 17, 2010  
Emory's 1784 N. Decatur Road Building

**Call to Order and introductions**

Outgoing President Dick Shuey opened the meeting and welcomed Tom Stubbs, candidate for the district 42 Senate seat. Also present was Atlanta Councilman (at Large, post 1) Michael Julian Bond. Councilman Bond is very willing to hear all issues from neighborhoods (404 330 6770 [mbond@atlanta.ga.gov](mailto:mbond@atlanta.ga.gov)) and recommends copying the representatives we vote for including the other two at large councilmen as well as the district representative, Alex Wan.

**Installation of new Officers and Directors**

Steve Misner introduced the new officers after reviewing highlights of the bylaws. The new officers and the class of 2012 Directors were officially installed.

The new president, Cathy Vandenberg, recognized the service of outgoing president, Dick Shuey, who received a standing ovation. The Nominating Committee's accomplishments were also recognized.

**Presentation of Clifton Corridor Initiative Alternatives**

Jen Price of the Clifton Corridor Transportation Management Association (CCTMA), in partnership with Marta represented by Project Manager Jason Morgan and Consultant Project Manager Grady Smith, gave a Power Point presentation of the Clifton Corridor Alternatives Analysis Initiative. The organization's goal is to develop solutions to local transportation problems and to seek federal funding to implement the solutions. Currently, the organization is in the early planning stage and is seeking public involvement as they identify the needs of the area from Lindbergh Station to Druid Hills. Their key findings include projections of 43% employment growth and 20% population growth in the Clifton Corridor over the next 25 years. During a 20 month period of time, they will develop ways to limit automobile traffic and will seek alternatives by considering new technology as well as busses and rails.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting were approved by voice vote after agreeing to include as an addendum the motion by Ron Foust of Division 8. The Division 8 motion was tabled in the February meeting.

**Tour of Homes and Artist Market Update**

All is on schedule although more docents are needed. The board members were reminded of their responsibility to serve.

**First VP report**

Bruce MacGregor encouraged all to attend the Marta-CCTMA corridor study open house on Tuesday, March 23 at the Decatur First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

### **Green Space Nominations**

Doug Grimm reported that the county has 47M\$ remaining in its 140M\$ budget for increasing greenspace. Of this, 6M\$ may be available to the Druid Hills area. It was agreed that the DHCA would write letters of support, but would not officially nominate properties. Bruce, Alida, Becky and Doug are actively approaching owners as parcels are identified. Some of the parcels being considered include 1) Rutlege property between Ridgewood Dr. and Emory, 2) Nunan Property on Clifton Rd. adjacent to Burbank Park, 3) Lullwater apartments near Emory Village, 4) Chorba Properties on Ridgewood, 5) Daniel home on Ridgewood, 6) McConaughey waterfall property, and 7) Emory University properties at Haygood and Briarcliff.

### **New Historic Preservation Guidelines for Artwood**

Chris Leeth and Alida Silverman scheduled an Artwood neighborhood meeting but will need to go door to door together to generate more interest.

Chris continues to look for volunteers to help monitor the HP committee meetings and to help residents prepare for appearing before the historic commission when planning visible renovations.

### **Master Plan/LCI Update**

Max Creighton held a successful meeting with Emory and CDC representatives to propose a joint effort to pursue an LCI and to ensure that the neighborhood will have input in any master plans developed by the county. MARTA and the Shepherd family (Sage Hill) were not represented at this meeting. Since DeKalb County controls the LCI process, all parties expressed interest in having Commissioner Rader pursue an LCI with the DHCA as a participant.

Alida suggested that the Marta advisory group should be a part of this effort.

Although ARC has already spent money in this area with AIEV and CCTMA, there are incentives for additional funding given the interest of such large and important employers as the CDC and Emory University, and given the government awareness of huge projections of growth in the Clifton corridor.

A motion was made to ask Commissioner Rader to sponsor an LCI for the Druid Hills area including the Emory/Clifton/Briarcliff transportation Corridor. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FAA Flight Path Changes**

There were no updates on the proposed changes in Hartsfield and PDK flight paths.

### **DeKalb Tree Removal Ordinance and Marist School development plans**

A letter drafted by Bruce MacGregor recommending adherence to existing regulations prohibiting tree removal was signed and submitted to the commissioners. Marist applied for a Special Land Use Permit to put a private school expansion in a residential area and a new plan was approved on the same day it was submitted. The new SLUP is less aggressive than a previous SLUP and variances are still required.

### **Executive Committee Report**

1. The EC Appointments were approved by the BOD.
2. A Letter was sent to the BOC expressing concerns about revising the tree removal ordinance.
3. A Letter sent to Fernbank Elementary School by Dick Shuey acknowledges our existing commitment of \$1000 per year to support improvements at the school, but the school PTA will need to submit an annual report on the use of these funds.

### **Division Reports**

- 1) There are still important traffic concerns for school walkers. There is a visible trend of raising animals including donkeys, chickens, and rabbits in the neighborhood.

### **New/Old Business**

Missing street sign toppers have been installed.  
A very positive and upbeat Letter to local realtors was distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33