

Board of Directors Meeting
Druid Hills Civic Association
7:30 pm Wednesday, December 15, 2010
St. John's Lutheran Church

Call to Order and Approval of November minutes

President Cathy Vandenberg opened the meeting on an icy evening. The November 17, 2010 minutes were approved.

Administrative Vice-President's Report

Membership: A recent e-mail notice of the new dues schedule resulted in 23 memberships and \$1800 input.

Cathy reminded all board members to make sure their memberships are current

Tour of Homes: Dick Shuey announced that Mike Hellerstein will be the Revenue Chair, but there are no current prospects for the Staffing Chair position. There has been difficulty filling key positions for years and we need to have DHCA board members fill these positions when needed. Claudia Edwards volunteered to help find a prospective Staffing Chair from the Parents' Network and will distribute a recruitment announcement by e-mail. Carolyn Riordan volunteered to help with the Gala.

Annual Meeting/ Nominations Committee

Elliot Kyle has reserved the Fernbank Museum Auditorium for the Feb 20 Annual Meeting. Claudia Edwards has sent out an e-mail soliciting nominees.

Cathy Vandenberg suggested that a reduction in the size of the board should be considered since it is currently so large at 42. Reaching the required quorum to vote is often difficult when many board members are not in attendance. She advised considering this next year.

Alida Silverman reported that the proposed demolition of 1715 South Ponce for health and safety concerns was denied without merit. This denial can be appealed.

The historic Green Gables hearing was held this afternoon but results are not known.

The Mann property on Vickers Drive is currently owned by the DeKalb Housing Authority, and will eventually be transferred to DeKalb County Parks.

Neighbors have expressed interest in helping to plan the proposed Ridgewood Park. However, the 1812 Ridgewood Dr. property has not yet closed.

Inquiries were made concerning public use of the undeveloped Emory property between the Peavine Creek and Emory Road north of Oxford. The University is hesitant to take on this responsibility along the creek.

GA Power and Emory University announced a sudden change in the proposed location of a new substation. The location is to be behind the computer building on N. Decatur.

Letters have been sent by our commissioners and from the DHCA last Monday to express concerns and to request more detailed information.

Mike Hazelton of Georgia Power stated that negotiations with Emory have been going on for a year and that they will need to close in 2010. Consensus among the board members was that we do not have leverage to stop this proposal, but we should negotiate to minimize adverse effects.

New Business

Fundraising: Scott Storbeck suggested promoting businesses in Emory Village on a particular week in return for a share of revenue from those businesses. Fernbank Elementary and the Lullwater Garden Club have had restaurants support them in this manner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33.