

Dresden East Civic Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes and Attendance
April 8, 2002

- The meeting was held at Mary and Wayne Daniel's house in Appling Heights; Wayne provided snacks and cold drinks for everyone.
- No visitors attended the meeting.
- February Minutes (Leslie Freymann):
 - March 11th minutes were approved (pending any further changes/additions that need to be made once Leslie distributes them via email.
- Treasurer's report (Wayne Daniel, representing Sheila Rotter):
 - the current balance is \$3,502.10
- [PDK Watch](#) Report (Ron Dennis):
 - The Airport Compatibility Use Overlay District (ACOD) was removed from the Commissioner's meeting agenda; we need to thank Gayle Walldorff; Wayne will send her a letter, on behalf of DECA.
- Committee for Civic Association Empowerment (CCAEE) Report (Ron Dennis, Cheryl Von Soosten, Dan Harris, Brian Baker):
 - Formerly known as the "Riggio Initiative."
 - They have met twice since the last BOD meeting and developed a "Purpose" Statement, which was approved by the BOD.
 - They shared a street-level detailed map, which is a first version and will be used as a foundation for the overlay map.
 - They are NOT strictly an airport effort.
 - They initially plan to involve Ashford Park, Hawthorne, Drew Vally, and Briarcliff Woods Associations in their effort.
 - They do not want to share their ideas w/DCCA until they have some success; they will meet through June and then determine if they want to be an official committee.
- Dresden Park Report (Cheryl Von Soosten):
 - Mark Kelley at St. Pious is still working to gain a lease.
 - Pat Katz (our former liaison w/DeKalb County) is no longer involved w/Dresden Park; Becky Kelley, at DeKalb County Parks and Recreation, has been moved into another department.
 - DECA should send letters to support the partnership w/St. Pious; Cheryl suggested that Roselyn Apartments also send a letter of support.
 - The County has been actively maintaining/cleaning the park; the graffiti has been removed.
- Yard of the Month Report (Leslie Freymann):
 - March winners were: 1st Place: 2909 Arrow Creek Drive (Betty McCormick); Honorable Mentions: 2856 Arrow Creek Drive (Frank Young), 2867 Dresden Way (Sarah and James H. Davis), and 2928 Arrow Creek Drive (Cory and Krista Keister).
 - All the information and pictures are now on the website; if you would like to nominate a yard or volunteer as a judge, please contact Leslie.
- Refreshment Committee Report (Rich Zelnick):

- Refreshments for the next DECA quarterly meeting will be donated by the local Publix store.
 - The BOD approved a motion to allow for up to \$200 to be used, as needed, for the DECA Spring Party on June 9th at Dresden Park.
- Community Council/Zoning Report (Dan Harris):
 - Dan attended a meeting at the end of April and is in the process of getting deputized with the Code Enforcement Department.
- Website Update Report (Leslie Freymann):
 - Leslie purchased the domain name www.decaonline.org for \$20/year and the address will seamlessly forward to our site.
 - The BOD agreed that we should post the quarterly meeting minutes online for the public to see; Leslie will also establish a separate page for the BOD minutes and meeting handouts (accessible only through knowing the exact URL, that Leslie will send via email).
 - Leslie will try and get electronic copies of previous meeting minutes for posting online; Leslie will also work w/Sam Powell and Ron Dennis to get neighborhood maps online.
- Neighborhood Reports:
 - Appling Heights, Jim Dorsey – 3000 Appling Drive has been cleaned up.
 - Beverly Hills, Brian Baker – there was a zoning scare when a “commercial/residential for rent” sign went up, but it was taken down after Ann Stuart called the owner and reminded him it was only zoned for residential; it was suggested that if you see a “For Rent” sign in your neighborhood, that you call the owner and remind them it is a single-family residence and DECA will be keeping a close watch on the property.
 - Frontier Woods, Cheryl Von Soosten – many home improvements/renovations have been made in the neighborhood recently; several rental homes are now up for sale; Wayne Daniel read a letter from a neighbor inquiring if DECA could do anything about the day laborers wandering through the neighborhood and loitering in people’s yards; Wayne will check into the issue.
 - Marlin Acres – Ruby (the volunteer that designed the DECA logo) is staying in the neighborhood for at least another year.
 - Michele’s Court – many apartments appear to be rented to multiple families.
 - Whispering Hills, Ann Stuart – they have had success getting rid of cars on the street and in yards.
- Membership report (Sam Powell):
 - Distributed membership summary report.
 - 30 new members since last month; 10 sustaining members; Sam will check w/Jeff Weeks to make sure non-members are still on the list serve.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Cheryl Von Soosten mentioned that some associations charge as much as \$165/year (\$15 for membership) and use the other money to hire off-duty police officers to patrol the neighborhood.
 - Cheryl Von Soosten recommended that everyone try to attend an Airport Advisory Board meeting.
 - Dan Harris spoke with the owners of the green fence on Shallowford about removing the graffiti; they have since painted the fence and the graffiti is gone!

- Dan Harris also spoke with the owner of the house on Dresden/Whispering Hills that had graffiti on the fence; the owner has since removed the graffiti! Thanks Dan!
 - Wayne will send Thank You letters to the homeowners, on behalf of DECA.
- The next issue of the DECAzette will be completed this week and Jeff Weeks will distribute them to the reps.
- Wayne Daniel will email Jeff Weeks and ask him to contact the neighborhood reps regarding publishing their phone numbers in the newsletter.
- Justin Waldrep prepared a proposed advertising policy for DECA; Wayne will check the rates of the Drew Valley newsletter; we will discuss the issue further at the next meeting.
- The BOD discussed the need for an Advertising Committee and will address the issue at the next meeting.
- Wayne Daniel will send our archives to Emory University.
- Michael Besal will look into contacting Surry Place to see if there's any interest in combining Associations
- Wayne Daniel appointed Jeff Weeks, Brian Baker, Liz Rouse, Cheryl Von Sooston, Becky Norris, and Ron Dennis for the nomination committee.
- Wayne Daniel has signs for the April 27th neighborhood clean-up available for the reps to pickup.
- The BOD decided that Realtor Neno Schildegen can join DECA as a sustaining member, but as a non-resident, will have no vote.
- Leslie will bring her digital camera to the next meeting to take pictures of the officers for the website.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 13th at Roselyn Apartments in the BOD room.

Meeting Adjourned.

If any additions or corrections need to be made to these minutes, please call Leslie Freymann at 678-547-0350 or email lfreymann@mindspring.com.

The meeting attendance is on the following page.

Meeting Attendance

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