



**EMORY
VILLAGE
ALLIANCE**

Emory Village Alliance-- Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015 – Barnes & Noble

Board members present: George Bacso, Lois Berthaume, Mark Goldman, Marlene Goldman, Stuart Meddin, Shane Mixon (for part of the meeting), David Payne, Cynthia Tauxe, Russ Yates

Board members absent: Leah Antoniazzi, Becky Evans, Bill Gryboski

Advisory Board members present: Rachel Barrueta

Advisory Board members absent: Steffini Bethea, Kathie Gannon, Nathan Hartman, Chris Langley, Perry Mitchell, Sally Sears, Clarke Weeks

Guests:

*Steven Mathias, DHCA Tour Committee
Mason Rainey, Emory Business Practices Group
Jeff Rosengarten, Ali's Cookies*

I. Welcome and opening comments covering Chair report - David

- David noted in Leah's absence that the finance report was provided to the Board with meeting documents and there has not been much change since the February 2015 report.
- The ULI leadership project group members are or will be contacting some board members for background and views. David noted that this exercise will give us some fresh perspective on the Village. Presentation of the group report is planned for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 4 pm in the Emory Administration Building. The EVA board is the primary audience. Others with PATH, PEDS, contacts that David suggested the group interview, etc. may also be interested and will be invited.
- David advised that work would be done this spring to replace the Glenn sanctuary roof.
- EVA is still pursuing maintenance arrangements for the small garden areas in the Village (focusing primarily on the points around the roundabout). Jimmy Powell Emory has agreed to bid on these services.
- The brick pavers in the roadways through the Village are failing; this is a problem on the Emory campus as well. Emory plans to contract for paver repair work for on campus pavers. It was agreed that David would "add on" the Village work to the Emory bid (so we have a sense of the cost); Mark and Cynthia will develop a list of the Village areas with distressed brick. We all agreed that the Emory estimate will be useful, but resolution of this issue is one that ultimately is DeKalb County's responsibility.

II. Report on Chevron Meeting – Zoning/Design Guidelines Committee Update – Cynthia

- A second meeting was held to discuss the possible re-development of the Chevron property. Attending were EVA board members, Cynthia, David & Todd; George R? and

Jose Tabell advisor and architect for potential purchasers; realtors Taylor Anderson & Kurt Hill; Jimmy & Carolyn Meadows?, current property owners. The discussion centered on the overlay district requirements and design guidelines for the Village. It was clarified that the Chevron building is in a historic district but is not a historic building and therefore could potentially be torn down.

- During the EVA board meeting, wording of the overlay district requirements and design guidelines for the Village was discussed as, to some, the wording is confusing. It was noted that wording used in these requirements & guidelines is consistent with the language used in similar documents in DeKalb County.
- The EVA board agreed that re-use of the property should comply with these rules, that the current proposal for the Chevron site does not comply and that EVA is not supportive of modifying the overlay or guidelines. Cynthia will convey this position directly to David Cullison to assure that EVA's position is clear.

III. Communications Committee update – George

- A new web site developer has been retained. The committee requested that the Board approve another \$500 bringing the total expenditure approval to \$2500. A motion was made to approve this request, to establish a deadline of May 1, 2015 for completion of the developer's work and to delegate final Board approval of the new website to the Communications Committee. The motion was seconded and the Board approved it.

IV. Open Streets Planning – Rachael

- The planning committee recommends that the date of the event be set for September 20, 2015 from 3 to 7 pm. This avoids conflicts with other activities in the community and allows for water attractions for the children. Board agrees.
- Focus will be on expanding the draw for teens – mid-school through high school. Roles have been assigned for the planning committee members.
- A fundraising deadline of June 30, 2015 for contributions supporter sign up has been set.

V. DHCA Tour Update – Steven Mathias reporting for Becky

- DHCA tour is May 1, 2 & 3. Band night will be in the village and the organizers are working toward a temporary liquor license for the event. Hope to also encourage attendees to frequent the Village restaurants. More information to follow.

VI. Ad Hoc Committee Update: Center of Roundabout – Board comments

- Discussion continued on the proposed solutions for the roundabout. There is still interest in the rosette design; work is needed on its technical feasibility and cost.
- Discussion continued about pedestrian safety on N Oxford Road in front of Saperstein property and the county's and owner's responsibility in this regard. David suggested that this be another topic of discussion with Dave Pelton when they meet to talk about the brick paver issue.

VII. Other matters

- Kathie Gannon has requested a list of ambiguities in the overlay that could be easily changed – she asked EVA to develop this list (this is not related to the Chevron matter). Cynthia, Stuart & Davis will create this list.
- The minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lois Berthaume.