



**EMORY  
VILLAGE  
ALLIANCE**

## **Emory Village Alliance—Minutes**

**January 12, 2015 – Saba**

**Board members present:** Leah Antoniazzi, George Bacso, Becky Evans, Mark Goldman, Marlene Goldman, Bill Gryboski, Todd Hill, David Payne, Cynthia Tauxe, Russ Yates

**Board members absent:** Lois Berthaume, Hunter Jefferson, Stuart Meddin, Shane Mixon

**Advisory Board members present:** Jimmy Powell.

**Advisory Board members absent:** Rachel Barrueta, Steffini Bethea, Kathie Gannon, Nathan Hartman, Chris Langle, Perry Mitchell, Sally Sears, Clarke Weeks

**Guest:** Neil Fried, Village resident and artist

### **Welcome and opening comments –**

- George noted that Davis Fox, a founder, former chair, and long-time supporter of EVA has resigned from the Advisory Board. The Board expressed its gratitude to Davis for his dedicated service and leadership over the past 15 years, including helping the board oversee more than \$3 million in infrastructure improvements in the Village. His efforts have been key in making the Village a safer, more walkable, economically viable gathering place and community asset.
- Davis most recently was chair of two committees, which will now be led by George (parking), and Cynthia (zoning and overlay).

**Minutes:** After board members noted two minor changes, Becky moved to approve, Russ seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 10, 2014 EVA meeting.

**Update on Finances –** Leah presented the financial report (see below) noting that 2014 donations were committed or received from 100% of the Board. Major expenses in 2014 were for street furniture and other capital costs.

**Membership:** George so moved, Cynthia seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved the recommendation that Jimmy Powell, director of exterior services at Emory, join the EVA Advisory Board.

**Business update:**

- There has been some interest in renting the now vacated Starbucks space in the Village.
- Purple Corkscrew Wine Bar has relocated to space in the Purple Corkscrew Wine Shop.
- The landowners of the former BP property have been doing environmental work.
- Several businesses and landowners have asked the county to determine the source and remedy an occasional odor.

**Plaza Update:**

- New bench and trashcan –Mark will follow up with potential donor for the bench to confirm his interest. When that is confirmed, Mark will proceed with purchasing the new can and bench. Marlene will post an item on the website about the new bench and its donor.
- Todd outlined several ongoing issues in the plaza that need to be resolved:
  - Patch Turf
  - Re-enforce railings
  - Install additional infill plants
  - Remove rust on the sculpture
  - Replace lights
  - Reset the large rock on the roundabout side of the plaza (will involve irrigation and electricity lines under the rock)
  - Consider a plan to have quarterly inspections of the fountain mechanics by Architectural Fountains and Pools (Todd will meet with the fountain contact before the Feb meeting).

**Maintenance Update:** Village Landscape Maintenance update (Jimmy and Bill):

- The bids for replacing landscaping and soil in beds near the roundabout, at Panera, and on South Oxford were much higher than we expected or budgeted for. In order to reevaluate how to reduce the bid costs, we could plant smaller plants (4 inch pots; cheaper but riskier to establish); remove soil that is only critical for new plants (instead of 12 inches of soil in all of the beds); phase the plans.
- Jimmy will till some of the beds near Emory to get a sense of how bad the soil is and what needs to be done to improve it in order to replant successfully. Emory will replant and replenish the gardens near its entrance. Jimmy will have the results of the till next week.
- Next steps: Get new bids based on these modifications; Todd and Bill will put together a plan and propose a date for a volunteer day to work on the landscaping as well as the possibility of hiring police for traffic control during the planting.

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**Center of Roundabout** – Todd and Cynthia

The Ad Hoc committee on the Center of the Roundabout presented four scenarios:

- Single tree in the center of the roundabout (15 foot height limit, per GA Power)
- Small grove of trees in the center of the roundabout
- Flag and mound-scape
- Rosette plans that would involve low (3-4-foot) walls with historic terracotta tile (Emory would donate tile), and possibly with solar panels in the center (not visible).

Next steps – the board will provide further feedback on the plans.

**Urban Land Institute Team Project** –David will report on this project at the Feb. 9 meeting.

**Druid Hills Tour of Homes:** The tour is set for May 1-3. EVA will be a silver sponsor and will staff a house on Saturday afternoon, May 2, from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Becky gave an overview of events planned for the Village during the tour, including:

Friday, May 1

- 5:30-7:30 p.m.—Garden Fresh Pickers Bluegrass Band (Plaza)

Saturday May 2,

- 11 a.m. –Noon — Lecture in Ivey and Crook, sponsored by the Institute of Classical Architecture (The Little Chapel at Glenn)
- Noon — Guided Walking Tour of Ivey and Crook Buildings (Emory campus)
- 5 – 6:30 p.m. — Opening Band 688 (Plaza)
- 7-9:30 p.m. — Music from Bradley Cole Smith (Plaza)

Sunday, May 3

- 8 a.m. — Patch Dash 5K Fun Run (Plaza)

*Holders of tour tickets will receive a complimentary beverage from Emory Village business sponsors.*

**Emory Village Overlay:**

- Cynthia, chair of the Zoning/Design Guidelines committee, gave an update on minor amendments to the Village Overlay. She will continue to update the Board on these changes. She also presented sketches of elevations which clarify that heights of future Emory Village development cannot be higher than the cornice line of Glenn Church, and in effect, much lower than the Emory Point development.

**Next meeting: Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at Saba**

## January Financial Update EVA

Current Amount in AIEV Bank Account	\$49,864.32
Current Amount in Landowners Account	\$3,157
Current Amount in County Account	\$1,219
Total Paid to date by AIEV for Park, Street Furniture, & Fundraising	
Fundraising, Marketing, Celebrations	\$ 10,184
Street Furniture	\$ 17,028
Park & Village Landscaping, Irrig., Sculpture	\$ 34,233

Board Donations 22

Total		Goal	
\$3,900	\$3,500	\$400	