



**EMORY
VILLAGE
ALLIANCE**

Emory Village Alliance—Minutes

June 8, 2015 – Barnes & Noble

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

Board members absent: Bill Gryboski, Lois Berthaume, Shane Mixon, Hunter Jefferson

Advisory Board members present: Nathan Hartman, Clarke Weeks, Rachel Barrueta

Advisory Board members absent: Steffini Bethea, Kathie Gannon, Chris Langley, Perry Mitchell, Sally Sears, Jimmy Powell

Guests: Mason Rainey- Emory

Neil Fried – Village resident

Jeff Rosengarten – Ali's Cookies

Stephen Moore – PressBox

Dino Loles – PressBox

- I. Welcome and opening comments – David (5 min)
The Board discussed, with regret, the recent closing of Ink and Elm. Stuart reported that Lucky's is progressing, but will not open for at least a few more weeks. David introduced Stephen Moore and Dino Loles, owners of PressBox, which opened recently on Oxford Road.

Two bollards were destroyed recently by a vehicle. David was going to check with James Johnson to see if Emory had other bollards in storage, and if not, we need to check with the County on replacement bollards.

We will need to have a Board vote to recommit Board members at some point soon, plus vote for any new Board members. Potential new Board members should contact David if they are interested, and should be prepared to make Board donation annually, and participate actively with at least one committee.

- II. Update on parking improvements on North Oxford –
Todd, Bill and David have been meeting to prepare materials to show Jan Saperstein for his consideration of street improvements on N. Oxford Road. We will need to show the parking impact as well as the outdoor dining improvements, plus safety improvements.

- III. Landscaping – Center of Roundabout and Village ‘Islands’ –
The first phase of the landscaping plan was completed by Emory, and the second phase will occur in the fall (replanting). David reached out to Panera for contributions, and we are waiting to hear back from them. Letters will be sent to the other Village landowners for contributions to the overall landscaping improvements.

We briefly discussed the new maple tree grove in the center of the roundabout and several Board members cautioned against any new signage that recognizes donors, since it might conflict with past signage from the last fundraising drive.

- IV. Update on website – George reported that the site was progressing and that it would be up and running by the end of June.
- V. Open Streets Update – Rachel gave an update on the September 20 event. Possible events include a battle of the bands, pet costume contest; our annual circus performers; music, etc. Several individuals on the committee are reaching out for possible sponsors. Marketing suggestions included: Facebook ads; search engine optimization; Creative Loafing ad.
- VI. Other items – discussed possible morning board meetings to provide times for other local residents to participate. We voted at the meeting and among those at the meeting, the overwhelming number supported the current meeting time (4:30pm), and a 7:30am morning meeting (before work). A later afternoon/evening meeting (starting at 5:30pm) was not supported, since it would conflict with businesses that have dinner crowds, and since several Board members would need to stay later into the evening after work at Emory. We will explore different Board times at future meetings.