



**EMORY
VILLAGE**
ALLIANCE

Emory Village Alliance—Minutes September 17, 2018 – Glenn Church

Primary Board present: Todd Hill, Lois Berthaume, Mary Eccard, Becky Evans, Jay Johnson, Cynthia Tauxe, Jean Welsh,

Primary Board absent: George Bacso, Margaret Blackmon, Mark Herold, Dave Moore, David Payne, Priscilla Velazquez, Anne Wallace, Russ Yates, Bill Gryboski, David Payne, Mason Rainey

Advisory Board present: Marlene Goldman,

Advisory Board absent: Kathie Gannon, Mark Goldman, Nathan Hartman, Stuart Meddin, Perry Mitchell, Jimmy Powell, Sally Sears, Clarke Weeks

Guests: Marissa Frye, Double Zero; Mark Westmoreland, Glenn.

I. Welcome and opening comments—

Todd welcomed guests Marissa Frye, manager of Double Zero and thanked Mark Westmoreland, Pastor of Glenn Church, for allowing EVA to use of the parlor

II. Minutes:

Cynthia moved and Jay seconded the motion, which was approved to accept the minutes of the August 13 meeting with one correction. Open Streets Emory Village will be October 28.

III. Opens Streets:

Becky and Jean noted that this year's T-shirts are black with orange lettering. New events include pumpkin carving and a duck race (tentative) on Peavine Creek near Panera. Returning activities include dog contests, a climbing wall, puppet making, Trunk or Treat, OPA, and four bands. All businesses are being asked to participate with some activity in the street. Event publicity should encourage people to stay in the village after Open Streets for dinner and to meet friends. Lois is securing additional insurance for the event

IV. Greenspace Committee

This committee—Cynthia, Margaret Blackmon and Sally Sears— is focusing on Peavine Creek restoration and solutions to floodplain issues in Emory Village and has identified numerous stakeholders. The committee may apply for funding from the State Natural Resources Department. Grant applications are due Oct. 31 but must include a masterplan. A Boy Scout troop recently cleaned up the east bank of Peavine Creek and identified native species there.

V. Plaza and Village Streetscape

A volunteer workday is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 13, from 8:30 to 2 p.m. to weed,

edge, infill ground cover plants in the Plaza and islands and do general maintenance. An electrician has been hired to thread wire through an existing electrical sleeve at the roundabout which will provide enough power to light 10, low voltage LED (6 w) lights. An additional trashcan to be placed near the crosswalk on NDR has been ordered.

VI. Roadway issues

County roadwork and maintenance continues in front of the former Slice n Pint. The sewer has been repaired, and the county is waiting for pavers to install. Todd recommended using the same pavers to fix crumbling areas of crosswalk, with mortar keeping them in place.

VII. Project Management & Zoning/Design Guide.

DeKalb County has determined that the former BP site has the sewer capacity for a potential development with retail and residential.

VIII. Parking & Transportation Committee

Stuart and Todd attended Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson's meeting regarding the booting ordinance under consideration by DeKalb County. Another meeting has been scheduled for 9/18, 2pm; at the Maloof Auditorium at 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA. The EVA Board supports no booting on public property and regulated booting on private property in Emory Village. EVA continues investigate the possibility of metered parking on public streets in the Village with the possibility that the revenue might help support EVA activities including ongoing maintenance in the public areas of the village.

IX. North Oxford Streetscape Improvements

Mary, with the help of Lois and Jay, will finalize EVA's price estimate for improving the North Oxford streetscape fronting the former Keba, Romeos, Chipotle and the brick house. It will be submitted for inclusion in the DeKalb SPLOST wish list.

X. Village Maintenance

The seven-year agreement with Emory to maintain the plaza is up for renewal. Jimmy Powell's crews at Emory have in the past year also voluntarily helped maintain some of the islands and roundabout in the village. EVA will discuss with Jimmy and David P the possibility of EVA sponsoring two member volunteer workdays a year.

XI. Business Liaison: EVA will invite all village business owners to the EVA holiday party in December and to a future visioning session.