

Minutes EVA Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022, 5:00-6:00 pm, via ZOOM

Attendance:

Primary Board present: Todd Hill (chair), Mark Herold (treasurer), Jean Welsh (secretary), Neil Fried, David Payne, Stella Kilpatrick, Anne Wallace, Clarke Weeks, Cynthia Tauxe, Mark Goldman, Marlene Goldman, Peggy Hibbert

Primary Board absent: Don Walter (vice-chair), Kit Eisterhold, Scott Riley, Cathy Vandenberg, Sarah Banick

Advisory Board present: Sally Sears

Advisory Board absent: Nathan Hartman, Jimmy Powell, Becky Evans, Mary Eccard, Jay Johnson, Stuart Meddin

Invited guests: Ken Protas, Paul Gilroy, Steve Mase

Guests attending: none

I. Meeting Minutes

- June and July meeting minutes approved with corrections

II. Guests

- No guests attending. Jean suggested that those who express interest in attending EVA meetings will be kept on the invitation list for 3 monthly meetings. If they do not attend, or communicate about their attendance during those 3 months, they will be removed from the invitation list.

III. OSEV

- Mr. McMullan has approved the use of the lawn
- Music will be focused on local talent
- Michelle Long Spears has been invited to attend
- It was suggest that plans be made to thank Commissioner Rader for his services and to welcome Commissioner Long Spears
- Leads for key activities have been identified:
 - Concert- Don
 - Vendors/activities- Sally and Jean
 - Bar- Stella
 - PR and communications- Sarah, Neil, and Marlene
 - Village set up and clean up- TBD
 - Fundraising- Don with Kit
 - Local business liason – TBD

IV. Emory Village Business Updates

- New Pilates studio will be going into the former SuperCuts space
- Mark will contact Tribridge to get an update on that property

V. Picnic Space in the Village

- Todd is following up with Ted McMullan to explore the possibility of an agreement with EVA that would allow for the use of the green space for picnic space until it is sold.

VI. Small Area Plan

- It has been clarified that the proposed EVA projects would not be well suited for LCI funds
- N. Oxford sidewalk improvements
 - Any improvements will require the support of property owners and whether or not that support is there is unclear as there are concerns about loss of parking space and concerns about preferences of tenants.
 - **Action Item:** Cynthia and Mark G. will lead efforts to follow up with County to clarify the possibilities for minimizing the impact on parking space.
 - **Action Item:** Mark G and Todd will follow up to explain goal of the project and get input from tenants
 - **Action Item:** Follow up with Michelle Long Spears office to ensure that an anticipated visit to the Village will include a “tour” of the N. Oxford sidewalk situation.

VII. Crosswalk

- The County is waiting for the arrival of the last of the materials to finish the resurfacing. Overall, it appears as though material and methods are a good replacement for the bricks that were there
 - **Action Item:** Anne will send pictures to County leaders thanking them for this!

VIII. Overlay

- The latest version has been sent to County Planning and Sustainability for review. The process of finalizing the revised overlay with the County is expected to be completed in the next few months. Recent clarification/changes include:
 - Allowing independent liquor sales
 - Restricting music to end by 12:30 am
 - Limiting rooftop dining to no higher than the 4th floor
 - Any drive through options will be limited to Bank of America or whoever purchases that building

IX. Village Signs Project

- Anne has sent the inventory of signs to Stuart and is checking with County to see if they will supply the signs.
- **Action Item:** Don will work with Anne to prepare a sign proposal to present to Stuart

X. Liquor Store Survey

- **Action Item:** Marlene will summarize results. Once the summary is reviewed and finalized (including clarification highlighting what EVA and the county have control over

and what they don't) will be sent back out to the community through DHCA and EVA websites/communications.

XI. Other

- David Cullison, Senior Planner with Historic Preservation for Dekalb County is retiring. It was suggested that a letter of thanks for his service be sent from EVA.
- Discussion are underway between the country and Mrs. Chiang to exchange two parking spots for access to the creek at the back of her property.

XII. Next Meeting

- Monday, September 12, 5pm