

Minutes EVA Board Meeting for Review
Monday, September 13, 2021, 5:00-6:00 pm, via ZOOM
For Review

Attendance:

Primary Board present: Todd Hill (chair), Don Walter (vice-chair), Jay Johnson (treasurer), Jean Welsh (secretary), Mark Herold, David Payne, Cynthia Tauxe, Anne Wallace, Neil Fried, Stella Kilpatrick, Mark Goldman, Marlene Goldman, Cathy Vandenberg, Lorraine Miller

Primary Board absent: Mary Eccard, Sarah Banick

Advisory Board present: -none

Advisory Board absent: Lois Berthaume, Nathan Hartman, Bill Gryboski, Jimmy Powell, Stuart Meddin, Becky Evans, Sally Sears, Clarke Weeks

Guests attending: none

1. Past meeting minutes

- August meeting minutes approved

2. Village Overlay

- Dekalb Co. has indicated that EVA will need to move this project ahead without their involvement for a while. Don is currently working to merge county input with that provided by the EVA Overlay Working Group. The next step will be to plan some meetings to get community input.
- The Working Group has also drafted a Handout about the overlay review process which can be shared at Open Streets.

3. Open Streets Emory Village

- Mark H updated the group on the status of the plans.
 - Almost \$13,000 in donations have been pledged, and much of it has been collected
 - Plans for the live music are coming together well
 - The process of getting the event permit is still underway but the alcohol permit has been obtained, though a survey of the area is still needed.
 - Sally S will be able to oversee the duck race as she has in previous years
 - Help is needed to help coordinate events other than the music.

4. Website Improvements

- **Motion to proceed with the planned improvements to the website, including the following, was approved:**
 - Incorporate the image of the street banners
 - Provide an opportunity to donate to EVA on every page.
 - The donation page will have links to several commonly used cash apps. Jay will check into getting these accounts set up.
 - Include a business page with descriptions of all of the businesses in the Village
 - Board information to be included on the website include names of:

- Board members
- Listing of committees (Communication, Fundraising, Greenspace, Zoning Guidelines, and Village Maintenance) with names of chairs
- The contract with Wordpress ends on 9/29 so the goal is to have the migration completed, and the move to Square Space completed by then. Square Space offers more security and is reportedly easier to work with.

5. Other Village Issues of Concern

- **Crime:** Thefts from cars is increasing in the Village. A follow-up discussion is needed to understand the best role for EVA to play (vs. property and business owners) to address the problem
- **Road maintenance:** There's a big pothole in the round-about in front of the former Slice and Pint and the issue of the crosswalks, which continue to deteriorate, needs to be raised again with the county.