

Minutes EVA Board Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021, 5:00-6:00 pm, via ZOOM

Attendance:

Primary Board present: Jean Welsh (secretary), Mark Herold, David Payne, Cynthia Tauxe, Anne Wallace, Neil Fried, Stella Kilpatrick, Mark Goldman, Marlene Goldman, Sarah Banick

Primary Board absent: Todd Hill (chair), Mary Eccard, Cathy Vandenberg, Don Walter (vice-chair), Jay Johnson (treasurer),

Advisory Board present: Sally Sears, Becky Evans

Advisory Board absent: Lois Berthaume, Nathan Hartman, Bill Gryboski, Jimmy Powell, Stuart Meddin, Clarke Weeks, Tse-Chih Chang, Lorraine Miller

Guests attending: none

1. Past meeting minutes

- September meeting minutes approved

2. Open Streets Emory Village

- Plans for music, activities, etc are coming together well but more volunteers for Open Streets are needed. As this is EVA's main activity, all board members (Full and Advisory) are encouraged to participate in any way that they can.
- More than \$13,000 in donations have been received
- All are encouraged to share the social media posts with their neighborhood networks, friends, etc. Marlene will send a link with the schedule out to all.
- **Action item:** All board members to help promote Open Streets and help on the day of the event as much as possible.

3. Business Updates

- Zoe's has a "for rent" sign up (post meeting update: it has been clarified that this is for a part of the property located in the back of Zoe's)

4. Street Maintenance

- Despite efforts to get them filled, one large pot hole and several areas where the surface is degraded, irregular and hazardous remain in the crosswalks.
- **Action item:** Todd will escalate this issue to the Commissioners.

5. Landscaping

- A scope of work is needed to facilitate getting quotes for landscape maintenance in the areas in the Village beyond those covered by Emory
- There are also some dead trees that need to be removed for safety reasons. This includes one by the book store which Emory will be taking down, and one on Mrs. Chang's property. One in front of Panera has been removed.
- **Action item:** Neil is following up with Mrs. Chang about getting the tree removed.

6. Village Overlay

- Version 10 of the suggested updates to the overlay is out for comment and a Zoom meeting with property and business owners is being set up
- **Action item:** The issues identified by Don need to be merged into the report of those identified by the county.

7. Security in the Village

- Crime reports suggest a rise of car theft in the Village. Possible strategies for addressing this were discussed, including signage to remind drivers not to leave valuable visible in their cars, ensuring that all street lights are functional, and asking that the Druid Hills patrol keep a car parked in the Village.
- **Action item:** Resume discussion on this after Open Streets.

8. EVA Document Filing System

- Jean (as secretary) will help to ensure important documents are filed in the EVA Google Docs folder and accessible when needed.
- A separate folder (or subfolder) will be updated and maintained for Open Streets.