



**EMORY
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ALLIANCE

Emory Village Alliance-- Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015 – Saba

Board members present: Leah Antoniazzi, George Bacso, Lois Berthaume, Becky Evans, Mark Goldman, Marlene Goldman, Todd Hill, Hunter Jefferson, David Payne, Cynthia Tauxe, Russ Yates

Board members absent: Bill Gryboski, Stuart Meddin, Shane Mixon,

Advisory Board members present: Rachel Barrueta

Advisory Board members absent: Steffini Bethea, Kathie Gannon, Nathan Hartman, Chris Langley, Perry Mitchell, Sally Sears, Clarke Weeks

Guests:

Jeff Rosengarten, Ali's Cookies

Jen Fabrick, Emory's Campus Architect, former Board member

Chair Report:

- David advised the group that he would need to step out for a business call at 5 pm and that George would lead the meeting during the time he was away.
- David briefed the group on the Urban Land Institute Leadership program. Emory Village is a selected study area and a leadership team has been assigned. They will study connectivity of the village and possibly some infrastructure. Their report is expected in the spring. David requested that the Board consider approving reimbursement of limited expenses for production of their report up to \$100. Motions were made and this request was approved by the Board.
- The recent e-mail copied below from Stuart announces a new tenant in the Starbucks space. George mentioned he knows and appreciates the owners' business operations.

I am happy to let you know that the former Starbucks location has been leased. Lucky's Burger and Brew will be joining us shortly. They currently have 2 other locations, one in Brookhaven and the other in Roswell. I think you will find that this fills a gap in the dining options that we have had in the Village. Lucky's is not only family friendly but also dog friendly. Lucky is Ernie and Diane's golden retriever. I hope you will welcome them to the Village when you get a chance to meet them. Following is a link to their restaurants so that you can see what they offer.

<http://luckysburgerandbrew.com/>

Chevron Update

- Cynthia reporting for the Zoning and Land Use Committee reported on a recent meeting that she and Todd Hill had with Jimmy & Carolyn Powell owners of the property on the NW corner of N Decatur & Oxford Roads and their real estate agents, Faith Lee & Kurt Hill. The property has been for sale for some time and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss use of the property by prospective purchasers. The use plan involved a restaurant, an affordable but upscale place that would not compete with Ink & Elm. Ideas were discussed as to the scale of the restaurant and the need for parking. It was also noted that the set-backs on this side of N Decatur are greater than on the south side. It will be challenging to meet the requirements of the zoning overlay requirements given the size of the operation planned. A follow up meeting with the perspective investors and David and Cynthia is planned for later in the week.
- As a part of this discussion, Hunter outlined to the group the county’s interpretation of “shared” parking and the county’s requirements for parking that Ink & Elm was required to meet before their permit was granted. Ink & Elm’s permit was granted under the zoning overlay requirements.
- Unrelated to the Chevron project, Cynthia provided an update on some planned overlay modifications; some minor language tweaks are under consideration.

Update on Finances:

- **February Financial Update EVA**

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| Current Amount in AIEV Bank Account | \$50,205.89 |
| Current Amount in Landowners Account | 3,157 |
| Current Amount in County Account | 1,219 |

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| Total Paid to date by AIEV for Park, Street Furniture, & Fundraising | |
| Fundraising, Marketing, Celebrations | 10,184 |
| Street Furniture | 17,028 |
| Park & Village Landscaping, Irrigation, S c u l p t u r e | 34,233 |

Board Donations 22 totaling \$4,225. Total Goal was \$3500; exceeded by \$725.

Open Streets Planning:

- Rachel led the discussion; at the Board’s request, she has agreed to lead head up the effort for this year. She thanked those who have volunteered to work on the committee and set the time for the first meeting, which will be immediately before the March EVA Board meeting. She expects to meet monthly before Board meetings and then weekly as the event nears.
- Rachel presented dates for the 2015 event for board discussion. October 4, 18, & 25 were suggested. October 25 is Emory family weekend and this is a very busy weekend for Village restaurants. October 18 is the festival on Ponce and this may compete. The committee will make a final date recommendation at the March meeting.
- The group briefly discussed the event noting that a sound system will be important and that Dave Moore & Thomas Winn provided one last year last year for their children’s band; perhaps we can work with them on sharing their system. Also discussed was the possibility of paying for more acts. All agreed that we need more activities.

DHCA Tour Update:

- Becky provided an update on the May 1-3 tour and events in the Village. The theme of this year's tour is "History Happens Here". Chris Langley is this year's artist's market chair. The market will be on the grounds of the Darden Building in the Village. There will be a blue grass band on Friday night and on Saturday a lecture on featured architecture in Glenn's Little Chapel. The Saturday night band party will be centered in the plaza. The tour's logistics chair is working with the county on liquor license and other arrangements.
- Becky mentioned that Lisa Harper Campbell is the tour publicity chair. EVA is a site sponsor and will be recognized as such in publicity and signage, the banner etc. DHCA is planning for sandwich board signs in the Village to highlight the tour schedule of events.
- Becky asked if the restaurant owners in the Village had a preference for when the events ended in the evenings and suggested that they consider offering a 15% dining discount to tour ticket holders.
- There was some discussion of alternate parking for employees on Friday as the Darden property will be the venue for the artists' market.

Plaza Update: Plaza bench and trash can:

- Mark has a message out to the prospective donor for the plaza bench but has not yet received a reply.

Maintenance for Existing Village Landscape Update:

- Todd reported that Jeremy with the fountain company will offer a proposal for maintenance of the fountain. Up keep of the island ground covers will focus on the main points of the islands at the roundabout. Bill is working on soliciting new proposals with this focus.

Ad Hoc Committee Update: Center of Roundabout:

- Todd provided an overview of options for the roundabout center and circulated drawings of the options considered. The ad hoc committee key notes are copied for the record at the end of these minutes.
- Committee members indicated that the "flag pole" option was not desirable and talked about the rosette design, which seems to be of the most interest to all.
- The committee was asked to assess the feasibility of this and other options and to develop cost estimates. The rosette design will require more with regard to feasibility and design and the committee indicated that they would like to work with Ga Tech and Emory on this.

(David rejoined the group toward the end of this discussion.)

Other Items:

- Meeting minutes from the January Board meeting were approved.

- A discussion of funding priorities followed. Mark expressed his view on the need for safety improvements. He said that one of AIEV's/EVA's primary missions from the beginning was pedestrian safety, and we should take measures to improve the dangerous transition between the block with Chipotle and the adjacent sidewalk. Others talked about the long established priority of completing the center of the roundabout.
- David will draw up possible options to fund both for the Board's consideration, and said that he will ask for the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Center for Leadership (CFL) Mini Technical Assistance project to provide help with these items

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Lois Berthaume

Notes from the Ad hoc Roundabout Committee Report on considerations:

Emory Village Roundabout

What it is:

- Compatible surrounding context (Emory sign wall, Rail Sculpture)
- Feasible/sustainable, Xeric (Irrigated on top of wall)
- Memorable landmark
- Able to be lit (but dark sky)
- Visually permeable: still allows views
- Full sun – solar
- Planted with year round interest

What it is not:

- High maintenance
- Don't encourage pix or climbing onto
- Don't block view of Glenn
- Trees taller than 15'
- Doesn't have a back
- Not visible from above
- Distracting, doesn't block key view
- Doesn't belong to anyone
- Won't be maintained by Emory
- No sign graphics, commercial
- Not detailed
- Not residential style

Options – Play the opportunities:

- Something different, memorable, distinctive
- Visible from a distance

- Kinetic: LED color change light, solar powered?
- Statement – integration of town and gown

Landscape:

- Grove (Amur maples)
- Central vertical 15'

Built:

- Maypole icon at middle (>15' ht)
- Non-central grouping of vertical elements

Combo:

- Combine vegetation with structure
- Asymmetrical

Issues:

- Fund raising
- Maintenance
- Season color
- Safety (ped, Vehicle, CPTED)