

## **EMORY VILLAGE ALLIANCE MINUTES**

Monday, July 8, 2019; 5:00-6:30 PM

Glenn Church Parlor

**Primary Board present:** Todd Hill (chair); Mark Herald (vice-chair), Jean Welsh (secretary), Jay Johnson (treasurer), Cynthia Tauxe, Yvette Weatherly, Mary Eccard, Shane Mixon, Sarah Bannick, Mason Rainey,

**Primary Board absent:** David Payne, George Basco, Louis Berthaume, Margaret Blackmon, Bill Gryboski, Dave Moore, Priscilla Valesquez

**Advisory Board present:** Clark Weeks, Sally Sears

**Advisory Board absent:** Becky Evans, Mark Goldman, Kathy Gannon, Stuart Meddin, Perry Mitchell, Jimmy Powell, Marlene Goldman

**Guest:** Karen Javits (Fernbank Sustainability/Go Green project)

1. The **minutes from the June meeting** were approved with one correction, David Payne was present at the meeting.
2. **Sustainability presentation** – Karen Javits, with the Fernbank Sustainability / Go Green project presented on the efforts which have been undertaken at Fernbank Elementary to reduce waste and questioned what is being done in Emory Village. The Fernbank project includes composting of food waste, use of reusable food trays and cutlery, and encouraging the use of re-usable shopping bags. Other local groups doing similar work include the Girl Scouts and the "Go Green" club at Emory. Though any project would be dependent on business owner interest, a few possibilities for the village were discussed included campaigns to reduce the use of plastic straws and/or to encourage the use of re-usable shopping bags (possible EV bags sold as a fundraiser) and to explore the possibility of working with the county to provide a means for separating recycling from land-fill waste and with a private company (Compost Now) to explore collection of food waste (possibly starting with a pilot test during Open Streets). Action items:
  - a. Todd will follow-up with Dekalb Co and with local businesses to explore opportunities/interest in collaborating on a sustainability initiative.
  - b. Contact Compost Now to learn more about restaurant food composting and Cianett Howett to identify Emory's top sustainability priorities
  - c. Potential follow-up discussion with Stacy Lust with the Fernbank Elementary's Sustainability Committee to learn more about how they worked with the Co., etc.
  - d. Include this topic on the agenda for the EV business focused meeting to be held next month.
3. **Street/crosswalk repair and roundabout lighting update.** Todd is working with the Co. and a local contractor to test a solution for repairing the road/crosswalks. The county has funding for very low-cost projects but bids will be needed to request funding for larger projects. The plan includes connecting the lighting at the roundabout at the same time. Sally pointed out the pending plan to replace the water lines from "roundabout to roundabout" which could make it easier to get the

repair and lighting projects done. It was also noted that the bike path striping from Clifton Road to the village needs to be redone. Action items:

- a. Mason and Todd will check with Ted Reinhardt, COO of Public Work for the County to see if the paver repair work can be done in conjunction with the water line repair. Todd will discuss with Jeff Rader.
  - b. Jean will check with Co. about the bike path striping
4. **EVA Fundraising.** The current EVA funding requirements include landscaping and fountain maintenance. Another potential cost is the rental of GA Power light poles for the placement of banner brackets. Current and potential sources include: EVA members; property owners, business owners, special projects/events. Ideas for special project were discussed including: an EV wine stroll, an event for adults on the evening before Open Streets, selling of EV reusable shopping bags, partnering with DHCA for concert/EV event during the tour. Action items:
- a. Sarah is working on building a fundraising contact list.
  - b. Jay will update the EVA operating budget.
  - c. Mark and Todd will follow-up with Kit re: plans for fundraising event as part of Tour.
5. **Communication.** Sarah would like to post something on Facebook every month. Action item:
- a. All are encouraged to send EV stories of interest to Sarah for posting
6. **Open Streets Emory Village.** Todd to visit retail mgrs to request support.
7. **Peavine Creek bank clearing.** Sally reported that the stream bank next to Panera will be cleared by Bill's Lawn Service with funding provided by EVA (\$500) plus some "in-kind" work done by Bill's.
8. **3D Model of EV.** Action item:
- a. Todd will share with property owners for feedback.
9. **North Oxford Sidewalk Project.** It was agreed that a real estimate of the cost of the N. Oxford Project is needed. Action item:
- a. Todd will see about getting a quote.
10. **August EVA meeting.** The meeting will be held at Saba at 3pm. Participation of local business owners will be encouraged. Action item:
- a. A list of local businesses and their contacts (and a system for keeping it updated) is needed. As a starting point, Jay will provide a list of businesses that contributed to Open Streets last year.