

Dresden East Civic Association (DECA) Quarterly Meeting

Date: January 21, 2015

Location: St. Pius High School

Attendance: Jordan Fox, President
Marge Gabbett, Secretary

Appling Heights - Agnes Nelson
Jean Young
Sunny Stovall
Frontier Woods - Martin L. Johnson
Cecil Cannon, Jr.
Gramercy Park - Verle VanHoozen
Marlin Acres - Helen McLeskey
Tanglewood Circle - Blanche Collins
Wakefield Forest – Pat Thomas
Bob Brown
Keith Brown
Bob McClellan
Lee Hager
Charlotte-ann Rogers
Litty-ann Mudan (Charlotte-ann's Mother from N.C.)
Jane Carter
Cathy Farquharson
Linda Matthews
Julie Erwin
Kay Owen

North Fork Connectors – Betsy Eggers
Katie Wendell

Clairmont Community Alliance – Lori Muskat

Chamblee City Mayor- Eric Clarkston
Chamblee City Council- Tom Hogan
Chamblee City Council – Brian Mock

REPORTS

Call to Order

Jordan Fox called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He thanked the Gold Lions and Brian Mock for permitting DECA to use St. Pius' facility for this Quarterly Meeting. Jordan welcomed the Chamblee Mayor, Eric Clarkston.

2014 DECA Year-End Treasurer's Report

\$3,377.41 Beginning Balance January 1, 2014

+3,845.36 Deposits

\$2,060.00 Dues

1,640.00 DECAzette Ads

145.00 Donations

.36 Bank Interest

- 4,568.77 Expenses

\$ 1,827.35 Printing Expenses (DECAzette; other copies)

867.95 Donations & Gifts (CAN*, DES*, DZ* Editor gift, etc)

600.89 Administrative Expenses (insurance, PO box, etc.)

454.49 DECA Picnic

239.02 National Night Out (AH*, DS*, MA*)

212.84 PR Committee (picnic fliers, extra DZ*s, etc)

162.41 Membership committee (drive, kits, etc.)

137.48 Quarterly Meetings (new signs, snacks, etc.)

51.34 DECA Islands, Shallowford & I-85

15.00 Atlanta Tool Bank Membership

\$2,654.00 Ending Balance December 31, 2014

* CAN- Civic Association Network

DES- Dresden Elementary School

DZ- DECAzette

AH- Appling Heights

DS- Dresden Square

MA- Marlin Acres

Membership

Jordan stated that membership is very important to DECA. The membership drive will begin this year in January. He asked that those in attendance to renew their memberships and recruit new members.

Election of 2015 DECA Board including Officers

Jordan thanked the 2014 Board of Directors for their service.

The following people are candidates for neighborhood representatives.

Appling Heights -	Agnes Nelson
Dresden Square -	VACANT
Frontier Woods -	Marty Johnson
LaVenture Forest -	VACANT
Marlin Acres -	VACANT

Tanglewood Circle - VACANT
Wakefield Forest- Ilan Sklar
Julie Erwin
Lee Hager
Whispering Hills - Sondra Martin

The following people are candidates for Officers of the DECA Board.

President - Todd Price
Vice President - VACANT
Treasurer- Charlotte-ann Rogers
Secretary - Marge Gabbett

VOTE: Jordan called for a vote of the above-named slate of candidates. All of the above named candidates were elected unanimously by those present.

Recognition

Jordan Fox recognized Tom Hogan, member of Chamblee City Council.

Thank You to Sunny Stovall

Sunny has been responsible for our new DECAzette's. Jordan thanked her for her work and said that she had and continues to do a great job.

Update on the Effort to Create a Linear Park Along the North Fork of Peachtree Creek

Betsy Eggers of the North Fork Connectors described the location of the north fork of the creek. She stated that most of us live in the watershed area of the creek. It starts at I-285 and end at the Lindbergh MARTA station. Betsy discussed the history of the potential development of the north fork of the creek. The North Fork Connectors began when a group of neighbors in Brookhaven got together to express their support to develop the creek and its banks for biking, walking, kayaking, etc.

The consensus of their meeting was that building a “green space” was for the benefit of everyone. Some of the benefits include its use by diverse people, sites will overlook trails and water will double the frontage for business. Homes with ½ mile of the waterway should expect an 11% increase in value. It would also encourage wildlife. An otter currently lives on the north fork.

Currently, Brookhaven has called for Requests for Proposals (RFP) for design of the area to be completed in the Spring of 2015. Anyone interested in further information can look at the North Fork Connectors website, NForkConnectors.org.

Report on the Results of Emergency Preparedness Drill on January 8, 2015 at the Atlanta Gas Light Co. (AGL) Regulator Station by Lori Muskat, Clairmont Community Alliance (CCA)

The emergency scenario was line damage due to construction excavation. This isn't a scenario that one would normally envision for the regulator site but it is a common situation that AGL faces with standard gas lines. Lori Muskat reported that all AGL people were out in full force. About eight people from the neighborhoods were there as well. Those present generally stood around and talked about what would happen.

In this area (regulator site), a rupture would have to be stopped by stopping the flow of gas by shutting off the valves. The nearest valves for this facility are on LaVista Road. Lori said that it took AGL's response team 30 minutes to reach the site. Normally, it could be expected that it would take AGL responders 60 minutes to reach the site. During the drill Lori voiced the need for public education through those responders to prevent an explosion.

It appears that the site is continuously venting. Clairmont Community Alliance (CCA) is trying to get air quality monitoring as well as working on egress in and out of the area.

DECA Forum

Cecil Kellerman of Frontier Woods expressed his and his neighbors continued frustration when there is a traffic back-up on Shallowford Road. It was expressed that there really is no answer to the problem and it needs the expertise of a traffic engineer.

St. Pius Events

Jordan announced the following events that will be taking place at St. Pius, a play, dance recital and a performance of their guitar band.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by,

Marge Gabbett
Secretary (2-2-2015)