*PROPOSED AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS*

28 MARCH 2017

***The meeting was held at 7 PM at Omega Baptist. There were 2 officers, 2 other trustees (plus 1 that came very late), and 3 guests, so we had no quorum.***

***Housekeeping – 7:00***

Introduce guests – host(s)

*Catherine Hawkins returned to talk about cleanup plans in her area (see below). Nancy Balogh attended because she is interested in becoming more active in the neighborhood. Tony Shultz is a frequent guest.*

*“*Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*Accepted.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*There was no formal report, but Tony had notes on his phone about our checking account’s current status. Pending reimbursement of some of the expenses incurred as part of our mini-grant expenditures, we have $825 in our account, plus $615 that has been donated for the benefit of the Wesley Community Center.*

Police matters – any

*Ezra told the group about Mary Wolf’s report (she couldn’t make the meeting) on the recent drug bust that involved the house next to hers (nearer Catalpa), a rental. Between that house and a somehow-related one at the southern edge of Cornell Heights, the police found several kinds of drugs (including fentanyl) and $65K in cash. Tony talked about continuing drug problems in our neighborhood, but also the laudable responsiveness of the police (especially the Phoenix cops).*

***Old Business – 7:20***

NWPB report – Ezra

*Nothing really new, except that the NWPB members are now addressing funding more seriously.*

Mini-grant status – Ezra

*Ezra said all the invoices related to sign refurbishment and the block party on Otterbein have been turned in, and reimbursement is expected before long. He noted that the grant is good till the end of 2017, and we have about $1K unspent. Ted Scheidt asked whether we could use that to money to get the dying trees in the Otterbein median removed and replaced with something suitable – if possible from the City’s free-tree program. Ezra said he thought so, and encouraged Ted to explore that possibility.*

Update on co-op market – Ellen

*Ellen, who had gone to the latest co-op meeting (at the NW Rec Center), said things were coming along. The site the organizers have in mind is Omega’s land in the 100 block of Salem, though whether it will be purchased, rented, or what has not yet been decided. The business plan presented at the meeting said that if the organizers could get low-cost loans (which they were working on) and 2000 people purchased shares in the co-op (which seemed quite probable), the project would be self-sustaining. The plan did not assume that anyone would come to the market from downtown, making it quite conservative in its projections. Shares (mostly at $100) are expected to be available for purchase this fall, and construction should begin next spring.*

Alley status – Tony Shultz

*Tony promised photos and recommendations very soon. Once we have those, we can talk about setting a date, getting equipment from the County, involving neighbors, and perhaps getting some help from students.*

Election of officers and trustees; discussion of project model for DVTF operations – Ezra et al.

* Current trustee commitments

*Not all current trustees have committed themselves to another year. Ezra agreed to serve through 2017 as President. Nancy expressed interest in serving as a trustee; we may need to juggle districts. Mary Wolf is willing to take on the DIY responsibility, but her husband’s current health problems mean that she can’t do it right now.*

* Assumption of listed responsibilities (attached)

*Bev Rench offered to do a biweekly mailbox pickup. Ezra will get her his key.*

* Community-event volunteers (spring and fall?)

*We didn’t talk about the fall. See below for other volunteer opportunities.*

Planned “Little Triangle” cleanup – Ezra

*Mrs. Hawkins has already been active in talking to neighbors on her street (Malvern) and encouraging them to pick up trash, put away bins and equipment, and so on. She and her neighbors reported three abandoned cars to the police, and they vanished promptly! She is interested in helping people clean up the neighboring streets and alleyways too, and she, Ezra, Tony, and others will try to get something under way in April. Ezra thinks there are student and volunteer groups he might be able to get to assist us – although Mrs. Hawkins noted that it is very important for the neighbors themselves to be invested. She plans to distribute yard-standards brochures and City-number door hangers, and send postcards to problem properties. (Overgrown bushes are also a problem.) Mrs. Hawkins has obtained from Reggie Henderson (an intern in Planning and Development) a list of empty properties between Otterbein and Salem, with their owners’ addresses. While she will try to get neighbors to help with cleanup around those properties, she also plans to make use of the postcards to reach the owners, and will enlist the City’s assistance.*

Expanding garage sale into a neighborhood event? Barter tables and ice cream in former Bonebrake area? Crafts sale? Donation table? – All

*None of the trustees present was interested in undertaking any of the suggested expanded activities, so we will not have a community event in conjunction with the Garage Sale.*

District reps and block-party opportunities for 2017 (Mayor’s Fund awards given) – Ezra

*Ezra reminded everyone that we could apply for other grants only if someone attended one of the grant-writing workshops the City holds in April. He recommended that people go just for the education. Since we still have leftovers from our 2016-7 grant, though, it will be more important for someone to go in April 2018 so that we can apply for a new grant!*

***Nominally New Business – 8:00***

Street bumps (resident request) – Ellen

*A Triangle resident asked Ellen to inquire whether any of the trustees would spearhead an effort to remove the rather high bumps at various intersections, which she feels make the Triangle feel unwelcoming. The trustees believed that they served an important purpose, however, and were not in favor of removing them. Nancy remembered when they were installed, and how much they reduced speeding on Harvard and Otterbein.*

2017 calendar (number of meetings, timing of the spring newsletter, taping etc. commitment) – Ellen

*The calendar was looked at, but no promises for taping etc. made. Discussion ended up being mostly about the newsletter (see below).*

Date/topic for fall community meeting – Ezra

*Not addressed.*

Spring newsletter contents, and delivery method – Ellen

*Some good suggestions were made, and Ellen will start drafting the newsletter soon. Delivery method (like sealing/labeling) was left up in the air. A couple of the people present were willing to commit themselves to hand delivery in their district, but a wider commitment is needed. Ezra said he had contacts with colleges whose students might help, and would get in touch with them. Others should try to come up with options. Ellen felt that with barely 4 weeks to get a newsletter composed, printed, and mailed (if mailing were used), and her upcoming absence, it would probably be safest to get the bulk-mail permit and just mail the letters. TBD.*

Neighborhood engagement (in spring) – Ezra

*(Yet again, none of these was really addressed.)*

* *Look for a paid teen flyer distributor from each district? (engagement)*
* *Handout with useful info, probably quarter-page size?*
* *Door-to-door visits?*
* *T-shirts for visiting?*
* *Group safety walk with Rodney Chatman?*

Applying for a 2018 mini-grant – Ezra

*Mentioned above.*

***Adjournment – 8:30 goal, as always***

# Dayton View Triangle Federation

#  SUGGESTED 2017 DVT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| **Tuesday** | **January 24** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **March 28** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *April 7\** | *Newsletter article deadline (to press by April 18th at the latest)* | *--* | *--* |
| **Tuesday** | **May 23** | **Trustees’ Meeting** *(no Ellen)* | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| ***Saturday*** | ***June 3***  | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale*** | (various) | 9:00 AM on |
| **Tuesday** | **July 25** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Mike M.’s garden? | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **September 26**  | **Trustees’ Meeting** | **Omega/Emerson**  | **7:00 PM** |
| ***TBD*** | ***Sept? Oct??*** | *Newsletter & fall mailing prep? Should be 1 month before community mtg.* | *TBD* | *TBD* |
| ***Sat/Sunday?*** | ***October ??*** | ***Fall Community Meeting – empty houses as topic?*** | ***Omega/Emerson?*** | ***TBD*** |
| **Tuesday** | **Nov. 28** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |

This calendar has 6 trustee meetings (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov). All of them are on fourth Tuesdays, amazingly! We do want to have a community meeting this year; it’s tentatively scheduled for the fall, so as not to detract (or *dis*tract) from a possible spring event in conjunction with the garage sale.

*\*This rather early date reflects Ellen’s absence from May 2 to June 6. If the newsletter is to be mailed, rather than hand-delivered, we need to tape and label it the weekend of April 21-23, so she can mail it on the 25th.* ***A commitment on the part of half a dozen people that weekend is needed!*** *If it is to be hand-delivered, and someone else can manage the effort, it could slide a week.*

**ONGOING RESPONSIBILITIES THAT NEED SOMEONE TO ASSUME THEM**

* Being the Triangle contact center for the DIY program
	+ Attend some of the City meetings
	+ Offer to receive any resident complaints (phone and e-mail)
	+ Send out DVTF postcards with request for abatement
	+ Add complaints to the City’s DIY database
* Administrative responsibilities
	+ File annual and continued-existence reports with the State
	+ Pay for our P.O. box annually, and update contact form
	+ (Get annual bulk-mail permit, if we continue to mail)
* Operational responsibilities
	+ Pick up mail from our P.O. box at least biweekly
	+ Manage newsletter production (assuming EFR continues to write it)
		- Submit file, pick up printed version
		- Coordinate sealing/labeling
		- (Mail newsletter, if we do: replenish our account, put through bulk-mail process)

**SOME OF THE MORE FEASIBLE PROPOSED TRIANGLE PROJECTS (OR COMMITTEES)**

* Neighborhood gathering/events around the Garage Sale this spring
	+ Run the Garage Sale (Lori will do this)
	+ Head up (or serve on) a committee to come up with possible events
		- Ice cream social
		- Barter table
		- Donation table
		- Crafts-sale table
		- Music, something for kids, etc. etc.
	+ Organize publicity
* “Little Triangle” cleanup (organized by Catherine Hawkins)
	+ Schedule for shortly before bulk pickup, and notify City
	+ Arrange to get County supplies?
	+ Solicit volunteers
	+ Offer refreshments afterwards?
* Block parties
	+ Need volunteers, by block or district, to coordinate
	+ Need people to help write grant applications
* The Triangle’s public face
	+ Set up and maintain website (EFR eager to work on!)
	+ Set up and monitor Facebook page
	+ Organize a Home Tour for 2018 (needs a whole committee)
* Meet-your-neighbor community walks
	+ Set up and oversee a plan
	+ Flyer in advance?
	+ Procure/produce materials to hand out (yard-standard brochures? useful-info lists?)
	+ Design/order T-shirts for those doing the walking
	+ Coordinate walkers (materials, companions)
	+ Track districts/areas walked
* Omega’s Harvard campus
	+ Work with Omega to apply for a grant to clean up and repair the playground
	+ Work with Omega to replace the parcourse (same/other grant?) and do necessary cleanup
	+ Help Omega get a grant to cover the cost of procuring a copy of the original Olmsted plans
	+ Investigate whether the City, Siebenthaler, or some organization might help to purchase replacement trees