*PROPOSED AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS*

24 JANUARY 2017

***The meeting was held at 7 PM in Omega Baptist’s multipurpose room. We didn’t quite have a quorum.***

***Housekeeping – 7:00***

Introduce guests – Ellen

*Paula and Avi Sitawi, new arrivals from Columbus interested in becoming active here, came to the meeting. Avi told us about their restoration efforts in Cincinnati (their son is still doing restoration there), some in similar neighborhoods, and praised Dayton and the Triangle in particular. Paula was one of the few people who returned the survey; she suggested several things we haven’t been doing recently because of our shortage of money, and promised to help where she could as they settled in. The Sitawis contributed to the meeting, but were so interesting we got off topic a lot!*

*“*Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*Accepted as circulated.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*Donna was not present. Ellen will ask her for an electronic end-of-year report and circulate it.*

Police matters – any

*Nothing particular came up; we plan to invite a policeman to our next meeting.*

***Old Business – 7:20***

NWPB report – Ezra

*The NWPB was not scheduled to meet until the day after our meeting.*

Continuing DIY participation – Ezra

*Mary Wolf explained that she would be willing to take on being the DIY contact person, and keeping up the database, but she had some family issues pending that had to be resolved before she could definitely make that commitment.*

Alley status – Tony Shultz

*Tony was not present.*

Expanding garage sale into a neighborhood event? Barter tables and ice cream in former Bonebrake area? Crafts sale? Choose date in any case – Ezra, Lori, and all

*Lori will choose a date for the Garage Sale. We can then see whether anyone is willing to volunteer to make that day more of a neighborhood “event.”*

Election of trustees and officers – Ezra/Bev R.

*The five non-officer trustees present (Ami, Lori, the Marmolejos, Mary, and Ted) agreed to continue for 2017. None of them could be persuaded to become an officer, though, and we lacked the quorum for formal elections anyway. Ellen will continue as Secretary until further notice, however. Ezra wants to address the election of officers more formally at the next meeting.*

Project model for DVTF operations – Ezra et al.

*There was no focused discussion of how the Federation can best go forward, or of how a project model of operation would work.*

* Current trustee commitments

*While the trustees present all agreed to continue, none of them (other than Lori) offered to take on a project, either from the list provided or of their own suggestion.*

* Assumption of listed responsibilities (attached)

*No one offered to take on any of the listed responsibilities, except for Mary’s contingent offer to take over the DIY program.*

* Community-event volunteers (spring and fall?)

*There was a little discussion of both an expanded Garage-Sale event, and of a fall Community Meeting focused on housing (neglected, empty, abandoned), but no decisions were made and no one volunteered (beyond Lori, for the Garage Sale itself).*

***\*\*\* We ran out of time and ended the meeting before we got to any of the topics below.\*\*\****

* Prioritize list of projects (attached) *(NOTE: William Allen looked at the list and wrote Ellen to say he couldn’t be at the meeting, but Omega would be happy to work with the Triangle on any of the Omega-related projects.)*
* Evaluate survey suggestions (last page – most feasible ones already incorporated into project list)
* Project leadership volunteers

District reps and block-party opportunities for 2017 – Ezra

***Nominally New Business – 8:20***

2017 calendar (number of meetings, timing of the spring newsletter) – Ellen (attached)

Neighborhood engagement (in spring) – Ezra

* *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?*

***Adjournment – about 8:45***

# 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 |
| *Tuesday?* | *April 18?* | *Newsletter article deadline (to press by May 1 at the latest)* | *--* | *--* |
|  | *Ellen will be away from May 2 to June 6. Unless we get the newsletter done in early April, someone else will need to pick up the newsletter, arrange for its taping and labeling, and get it mailed. (That last requires a short briefing from Ellen.)* | | |  |
| **Tuesday** | **May 23** | **Trustees’ Meeting** *(no Ellen)* | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| ***Saturday*** | ***June ??*** | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale & Event?*** | (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.

We did not have a chance to talk about whether quarterly-only meetings made any sense.

**POSSIBLE TRIANGLE PROJECTS (OR COMMITTEES)**

* Neighborhood gathering/events around the Garage Sale this spring
  + Run the Garage Sale
  + 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
* 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
* Triangle pride
  + Re-institute House of the Quarter program
  + Profile residents in the newsletter
  + Give awards for best landscaping, best Christmas decorations, perhaps most improved?
* 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
* Building on past NLI involvement
  + Make up a list of Triangle residents who have participated in the program
  + Contact each of them and ask for ideas
  + Try to get them to commit to participation in some form
* Building on DIY program to encourage better maintenance of the Triangle
  + What can we get the City to do?
  + What can we as a neighborhood do?
* Responding to survey results (see separate document)
  + Committee to brainstorm ideas for getting empty houses occupied, or at least maintained
  + Trustee group to assess feasibility of other suggestions (see last page)

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

* Being the Triangle contact center for the DIY program *(Mary Wolf may be able to take this on)*
  + 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)

(This list does not include the many responsibilities that current officers or trustees have already assumed.)

***UPDATED* IDEAS FROM SURVEY RESPONDENTS**

*(some suggestions have already been incorporated into the Possible Projects list)*

***Things we should get the City (or County or Metroparks) to do:***

Improve sidewalks

Repave some neglected streets

Meet with us to brainstorm on a new spot for a community garden, with water

Do something about car-to-car drug transactions and burglaries (mentioned by many – increased presence?)

Stop people from speeding and running stop signs in the Triangle

Remove bushes from lots where houses have been torn down

Remove falling-down garages and alley growth [latter is covered by the Yard Standards]

Get non-running cars off the street

Maintain vacant properties and NOT rake leaves into the street (or get absent owners to do)

*(also see below re littering/dog owners)*

***Things DVTF should do:***

Invite ALL Friends of the Triangle to help with activities/projects we come up with

Involve younger residents and ask what their vision for the neighborhood is

Send formal letters and a copy of the Yard Standards to owners of neglected and littered properties and to people with unused cars on or in front of their properties [I think we can try the DIY approach first]

Compile a list of empty/abandoned properties and get trustees to brainstorm on solutions. (Is there a way in which DVTF could work with the owners of the empty houses to facilitate their rental? One source of monitored renters would be refugees; Catholic Social Services is always looking for rentals and lease-to-buys. However, we would need a small group of landlords to be interested, so that there would be community for the refugees (mostly African). Mentors from the Triangle would be helpful too. Could sell houses!)

Hold neighborhood block party/ies (summer)

Hold an Open House / Home Tour again

Give the Triangle a[nother?] beautiful gateway

Encourage residents to photograph anyone caught littering (or allowing dog to), and get police to fine the violators – half of fines collected to go to DVTF

Actively support the efforts to clean up the Salem Ave. corridor. Ask Larry Ramey to give a presentation on SABA’s work

Make magnet cards so people know how to report drug drive-bys and other problems

Arrange for dead tree removal, and create a free-firewood location

Organize a moms’ playgroup, or meeting at the library

Hold monthly movie nights in one of the Omega Harvard buildings

Reinstitute Christmas carol singing

Start a community sports team

Sponsor “field trips”, e.g. Sunwatch

Hold seasonal crafts sales (donations to DVTF) for revenue

[Someone new to the Triangle listed a bunch of fine ideas for the newsletter, many of which we used to do when we could print a longer newsletter! She also suggested getting local businesses to advertise in it, which would be fine with the City.]

***Unclear:***  Add more lights to the Omega Harvard campus, especially at driveways ???