*MINUTES/ACTION ITEMS FOR THE*

*DVTF WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING*

26 FEBRUARY 2019

***The meeting was held at 7:00 PM in Omega Baptist’s all-purpose room. At least 34 people were present! Some have been involved for years, some have been supporters for years, some have only recently begun to get involved, and a few were brand-new names.***

***Housekeeping – 7:00***

“Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen Rice

*The minutes were accepted by acclamation.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna Shultz

*Donna was not present; Ellen said that as far as she knew, nothing had changed from the last meeting’s checking-account total of about $1400. (The Federation also has a somewhat larger CD.)*

***Old Business – 7:10***

Police matters – any/all

*The only current newish concern is the ATV riders zooming around Omega’s Harvard campus and adjacent streets (especially Burroughs). The police say that they have to catch the riders in the act, so please keep reporting them!*

Brief report on Phoenix Next’s January public meeting – Ellen

*Ellen said that the Advisory Committee’s last meeting had begun to focus more on health and education needs in the area, and those concerns were reflected in the presentation and “boards” at the last Phoenix Next Open House. (Previous interest in employment, retail, housing, and civic possibilities continued, however.) Ellen recommended that anyone who missed the Open House take a look at the Phoenix Next website, where both the presentation and the boards (including some very small type) are available.*

DIY program and progress – Mary Wolf

*Mary gave us an impressive report on what has been accomplished via the DIY program in the last few months! By now she may be a speed-dial number on the telephones of James Barnett of Housing and John Carter, the Conservation Specialist. Here is a summary:*

Problems resolved: *2100 University Place (lamppost and curb repaired by out-of-town owner); 1204 Cumberland and 1678 Cory (trash bins removed from street – one required City intervention); 1800 Salem (burned-out house finally demolished and site tidied).*

Problems being worked on: *1517 Harvard (house cleaned out, but still empty and deteriorating; Housing and Conservation have both been involved); 1620 Catalpa (beautiful but abandoned for years and now stripped; Housing and Conservation both involved, but tax liens complicate the ownership and mean it can’t be REAPed; out-of-town mortgage owner’s local agency rep says it looks occupied and hasn’t re-secured it; more developments guaranteed!); 2101 Harvard (burned down a year ago but shows on line as for sale; the City has now let a contract for its demolition).*

Facebook progress – Bethany Bowman

*Bethany was not able to be present, but Ashleigh O’Hara provided a progress report. Bethany has worked with George Farmer to take the lead on managing our Facebook page, give some new people admin access, and get the word out. Ellen totally lost track of all the numbers flying around, but lots of people are posting on and liking our page, so the Triangle can now be said to have a presence on social media! (In addition to Nextdoor, on which quite a few Triangle residents post and/or reply fairly regularly.)*

Website progress – Ellen

*Ellen reported that she had renewed the domain name for daytonviewtriangle.info, and expected to be able to access it shortly and begin to implement her long-shared plan to make it a resource for both realtors and potential buyers as well as for residents.*

OCDC progress – Paul Humble

*Paul, our rep on the OCDC Board, reported that a groundbreaking ceremony for the Senior Lofts was scheduled for 10 AM on Monday, March 4th, probably near the Chapel. He then asked William Allen, who has been Omega Baptist’s rep on the DVTF board for years, to talk about the relationship between the DVTF and Omega and the OCDC. William emphasized the need for working together all ‘round, especially when it comes to restoring the beauty of the campus. (Ellen mentioned that Brother Ray Fitz (on the OCDC board) had told Mike Dolinski that the UD arborist, and some of the students, could probably be made available to help with planning for replacing the older trees.)*

***New Business – 7:30***

Quick report from the City -- Ray Alexander

*Ray told us how pleased he was to see some new faces, and hear about the increased involvement of some of the newer residents! (He has always advocated asset-based community development, and that’s exactly what’s happening.) He reminded us of the various sorts of grants that the Triangle might be eligible for, and encouraged us to attend the required seminar and apply for anything we think we can get the necessary volunteers together for. (We may start by trying to field people to help with the Living City April 6th cleanup.)*

Grant or mini-grant possibilities – Lori Mayo

*Lori said that she planned to attend the grants seminar, so that the Triangle would be eligible, but encouraged anyone who might have a project in mind to come with her. A couple of people said they were considering it.*

Neighborhood walk with Commissioner Shaw – Lori

*Lori is making sure that we’re on this spring’s list for a Commissioner’s Walk, since last fall’s scheduled walk fell through, but we don’t have a date yet.*

DVTF finances going forward – Donna

* Membership and dues
* Support of SABA, CPOP, Gem City, Garage Sale…
* Possible automated-calling/e-mailing system

*In Donna’s absence, Ellen mentioned these topics, but everyone agreed that any discussion of them should be postponed till the May meeting.*

Possibility of opting out of Sunday-ads “distribution” – Ellen

*Ellen reported that the Kentucky case that we hope will serve as a precedent for the City’s banning this “free speech” littering has not yet been settled. She will inquire about other possibilities, like Oakwood’s requirement that any mass-distributed items be placed on doorsteps or porches.*

Topics/guests/schedule/locations for 2019 meetings and any events – all

*Everyone is agreed that the next quarterly DVTF meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28th (after Memorial Day weekend), the usual fourth Tuesday. Omega Baptist will host us. It is currently expected that discussions of the new structure and By-Laws, and elections of Board members, will pretty much fill up the time, although Gem City Market has requested 20 minutes to talk about progress and show us the current plans for the new building. (To be decided in the next month.)*

*Ellen reminded everyone that we need to announce that meeting in the print newsletter, the only communication that goes to every single house in the Triangle. (She will solicit other suggestions for information to include in that newsletter.) Ellen will create the document and submit the file to the City for printing, but she pointed out that many hands would be needed to tape and label the newsletters at some point during the weekend of May 3-5, so all Triangle residents would have enough advance notice of the meeting.*

Results of DVTF planning-volunteer meetings – Lori

* Restructuring the Federation
* Rewriting the By-Laws
* Overview of volunteer areas so far (e.g., Phoenix-Next-related)

*Lori introduced Shane Legg and Kegan Sickels, who took turns talking about a proposed new structure for the Federation and its Board. The principal change would be that rather than having officers plus trustees that are affiliated with a particular few blocks of the Triangle, the Board would consist of officers plus committee heads who represent approved projects that neighborhood residents have undertaken (see below). The officers would work to represent the neighborhood and support the committees and their projects.*

*For officers, Kegan and Shane suggested retaining the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer – but replacing the Parliamentarian with a Community Liaison position. They envision the President as the public “face” of the Triangle, interfacing with the City and the other neighborhoods. The Vice President would focus on the operations of the Federation and its committees. The Community Liaison would focus on involving and communicating with the neighborhood residents, including social media. (The Secretary and Treasurer would retain approximately their current duties.)*

*For community involvement, Shane and Kegan proposed that most Federation activities be carried out by small committees (approved by the Board) that are focused on particular projects. The chairs of these committees would serve as voting members of the DVTF Board, expanding representation to reflect involvement as community engagement increases. (Some committees would be standing ones, others short-term.) Seeking grants or other support for such committees would be a primary goal of the Federation!*

*Lori volunteered to put the proposed structure out to a vote of the nominal (or recent) current officers and trustees, using e-mail to increase participation. If it is accepted, all the people who are currently involved with restructuring the Federation will work on exactly how the positions should be defined, and how the By-Laws need to change to reflect them and the committee-oriented approach. A presentation of the results, election of officers, and with luck approval of some committees will take place at the next meeting, on May 28th.*

*There was some discussion of whether renters could serve in any position; the consensus was that any dues-paying DVTF member willing to commit to working for the welfare of the neighborhood would be welcome.*

***Adjournment – 8:30 goal***

*The goal was achieved, but groups of people hung around and talked for some time!*

# PROPOSED MEETING AND NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE, QUARTERLY

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| **Tuesday** | **February 26** | **DVT Federation meeting** | **Omega Baptist** | **7 PM** |
| *Friday* | *April 19* | *Newsletter submissions* |  |  |
| *Sunday* | *April 28* | *Newsletter to City for printing* |  |  |
| *Weekend of* | *May 3-5* | *Newsletter prep (mailing to follow)* | *TBD* |  |
| **Tuesday** | **May 28** | **DVT Federation meeting (Gem City as guest?)** | **Omega Baptist** | **7 PM** |
|  | ***Commissioner’s Walk? Garage Sale? Anything else coming up?*** | | |  |
| **Tuesday** | **August 27** | **DVT Federation meeting (speaker?)** | **TBD** | **7 PM** |
| *Friday* | *October 18* | *Newsletter submissions* |  |  |
| *Sunday* | *October 27* | *Newsletter to City for printing* |  |  |
| *Weekend of* | *November 1-3* | *Newsletter prep (mailing to follow)* | *TBD* |  |
| **Tuesday** | **November 26** | **DVT Federation meeting (speaker?)** | **Omega Baptist** | **7 PM** |