

BOYLAN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

April 2007

Please submit articles by May 15, 2007

Joseph Huberman editor



Dorothea Dix Park Takes Another Step Forward

Joseph Huberman

Deborah Ross and Jennifer Weiss have sponsored a bill in the General Assembly that addresses the use of the Dorothea Dix property. We are very pleased that the preservation of all 306 acres for a great destination park is consistent with the language of this bill, but as you can see below this bill in its current form could also permit a major private development project on the property.

Text from Bill H1644

"Future Uses of Dorothea Dix Hosp. Campus"

- (1) That the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Campus or significant portions thereof be set aside for the creation of a potential park district;
- (2) That the historic buildings located on the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Campus be renovated and rehabilitated in a manner that is economically feasible and that supports the other objectives stated in this act; and
- (3) That the uses provided for in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section generate significant revenues that shall be used to support mental health services throughout the State.

This bill still has a long way to go before it becomes law, and there are still opportunities for changes that could secure a great 306 acre destination park for us and our posterity. Now it is time to contact our legislators and thank them for sponsoring this opportunity to secure our 306 acre destination park, and urge them to please continue to work from within the legislature to strengthen the language of the bill to protect this wonderful historic property from commercial development. Let them know that while they are working in the legislature we will be working in the community, and together we will do the right thing for all of North Carolina.

Centennial Bash

Chris Weedy, 2007 Bash Coordinator 755-3558

The Big Boylan Bash is a Boylan Heights blowout block party held every August with food and live music. This year to celebrate our Centennial we have secured a Raleigh rock & roll band known to many of you. It is the Connells. As you may know the first album by the Connells, was entitled "Boylan Heights." We are thrilled they have agreed to play for us. The Centennial Bash will be Sunday August 19th from 5 - 9 pm at Dupont Circle Park. Please put it on your calendar! Given that this will be the biggest and best Bash ever we will need lots of help at the Bash, in setting up, handling food and beverages, conducting children's activities, selling Centennial t-shirts, and cleaning up. If you would like to help either before the Bash or the day of the Bash please call or email me. I could also use help in planning for the Bash and in fundraising. Please consider helping make this a great event by volunteering.

Gardening Advice

From Ray Lanier - raymondlanier@hotmail.com

Ray Lanier, with over 30 years of gardening experience, can help you with your gardening questions. Email him and your question and answer will be posted on the Boylan Heights Website.

Newsletter Budget Proposal

Joseph Huberman

At the last meeting, the Boylan Heights Association decided not to raise the newsletter budget to cover the printing costs of the newsletter, and requested that the editor submit a proposal. The newsletter costs about \$130 per issue, which covers only the direct printing costs of the newsletter, but the association is only willing to pay \$70 per issue. A couple of people, along with the editor have been helping to cover the additional costs. This two page newsletter fits within the budget approved by the BHA. For comparison, a two page newsletter with color on one side would cost \$330 at Kinkos; without color it would cost just under \$50 per issue. The annual BHA budget that is approved for the newsletter is \$70/month, so it could be as much as \$840/year. The actual cost of the newsletter at \$130/month for the 9 issues per year (not published in, June, July and December) is \$1170, so for an additional \$330/year the newsletter could be fully funded. Here is the proposal. The BHA approve up to \$1170 per year for the newsletter. The reimbursement would include only the actual printing costs of the newsletter.

Garden of the Wild at Raleigh Little Theatre

May 4-6 and May 10-13 at 8pm



Carlie Huberman will be performing in Garden of the Wild, a dance that follows the epic saga of man and his connection to the wild, from the deep dark jungle to a big city street. Ancient drum beats call fantastic giant creatures out to dance. It starts with a call to the wild as several drummers, who are themselves creatures, explode into a dynamic rhythm and watch as fantastic creatures arrive from all around and dance in an exciting reverie that harkens back to ancient times.

Letter to the Editor

Lee Kirby, BHA President

By the time this newsletter is distributed, we'll have completed the Boylan Heights "Tours and Tunes" event, and I have no doubt it will have been a great success. Over the three years (including the past year as president of the Boylan Heights Association) that I've lived in this neighborhood, I've been constantly surprised and encouraged by how the people of this neighborhood pull together and cooperate, in a very rare sense, as a true community. This year is our centennial, of course, and our Centennial Committee has done a great job and taken tremendous initiative to help us commemorate and celebrate this milestone. "Tours and Tunes" is the latest (and not the last) of the events planned for the centennial year, so we have more to look forward to. As to "Tours and Tunes", from the planning, to preparing the promotional materials and

promoting the event, to the wonderful (and hard-working!) gathering to prepare Montford Hall and of course to the contribution of so many homes and musical talents for the day itself, this is to be hailed as a remarkable event. So, as one member of this community to others – Thanks!

Boylan Avenue Bridge Lights Update

Lyman Collins 821-0899

The Raleigh Arts Commission is pulling together a small task force to work together with the neighborhood on the proposal to place some of the lighting fixtures

originally planned for Fayetteville Street on the Boylan Avenue bridge (these are the so-called chandeliers). The Commission has recommended that location to City Council. If you are interested in working on this public art project please contact Lyman Collins. The Boylan Neighborhood Association has twice endorsed this project recognizing that these artist-designed fixtures have the potential to give character to this bridge that provides a major entrance into the neighborhood and also frames the striking downtown skyline.

BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Boylan Heights Association

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

7:00PM at Project Enlightenment

- I. Announcements and Additions to Agenda; Approval of Agenda
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes
- III. Review and Approval of the Finance Report
- IV. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws:
 1. Addition of position of Immediate Past President to the list of officers – the outgoing president would fill this position upon the election of a new president, and would be asked to help educate the incoming President as to duties of the position and otherwise to act as a resource.
 2. Designation of the updated version of Roberts Rules of Order as applicable for conduct of the meetings.
- V. Pink Truck Planning
- VI. Report on Tours and Tunes Event
- VII. Committee and Special Projects Reports
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn

Please Help Fix Breakfast at the Cabarrus St. Woman's Shelter

We Need Volunteers Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

- March 18 Bonnie Jacobowitz, Rachel & Chris
- April 15: Marschall Family
- May, Beth and Shann Rushing
- **June, July: NEED A VOLUNTEER**

Contact Judy Murray 244-4466 or judy@bajaburrito.net

Boylan Heights Association

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2007 Minutes Prepared by Don Palmer

The meeting was called to order by the President, Lee Kirby, at 7:05 PM. Meeting attendees: Lee Kirby, Chris Weedy, Tara Copland, Rob Baumgart, Ray Lanier, Chelsea Mills, Lyman Collins, Don Davis, Don Palmer.

- I. Special Guests: Officers V. R. Johnson and Charles Taylor of the Raleigh Police Department. Officer Johnson updated crime report: no major illegal activity reported in the Boylan Heights area during the last month. Officer Taylor urged support of the campaign for signs for the "Lock, Take, and Hide" program, suggesting emails and requests for signs be sent to city officials. The officers' report was followed by discussion: Chris Weedy reported hit-and-run damage to a truck parked at 412 1/2 S. Boylan. Also reported was evidence of drug activity at a property on Florence Street, including drug use, drug sales, and the employment of children as look-outs. Officer Johnson will inform Capt. Reynolds, and keep the Neighborhood Watch Committee posted.
- II. Remainder of agenda unanimously approved. Lyman Collins moved, Don Collins seconded.

III. Minutes of February meeting approved. Don Davis moved; Lyman Collins seconded.

IV. Financial report paraphrased by President Kirby.

Summarized: opening bank balance as of 1/1/07: \$6,577.71. Total revenues January through March: \$181.63. Total expenses January through March: \$380.00. Balance ending 3/36/07: \$\$6,379.34.

V. Discussion of funding:

Funding of Centennial events and activities. Expecting 500 visitors at the Historic House Tour, April 21, Noon to 5 PM. Committee hopes to generate \$500.00 profit after all tickets are sold and expenses met. Some money must be budgeted in advance. The committee will be asked to present such a request before the next monthly meeting.

Budget for newsletter. Consensus that current budget should be maintained for the time being, and that if the publisher wishes an increase he should present a request and justification of the increase to the association. Some discussion ensued concerning decision policy re: inclusion, rejection, and editing of proposals for the newsletter.

VI. Committee and special project reports:

Neighborhood Watch Committee. Jimmy Creech's report read in absentia. The report touched upon themes that were also discussed during the reports of Officers Johnson and Taylor.

Garden Club: Ray Lanier reported that a project is underway for Sunday, April 1, at 9:30 AM to work around Mountford Hall, in anticipation of the Historic House Tour. Ray also announced work on the restoration of a version of the "Pink Truck" service, involving a pick-up by the Raleigh Community Service Department, perhaps on May 5. Locations for the pick-up still need to be decided upon. Chris Weedy raised the question of having the Boylan Heights sign at Western and S. Boylan repainted. Ray will contact the city and suggest this work be carried out.

Boylan Bash Committee: Chris Weedy announced that we are in negotiations with the band, The Connells to provide music, trying for either August 19 or 26. If the band agrees, they will not charge the Association but will require funding for staging and sound. If this develops, a larger venue may be required. Chris emphasized that a lot of help will be necessary to make this larger project succeed.

"Baby for Boylan Heights" project: project continues as storks continue to arrive.

Welcoming Committee: remains active; new arrivals were listed.

Miscellaneous: Chris Weedy suggests looking into Historic District signs of the type used in Oakwood. She also reported on "conservation overlays" as discussed by District D Alliance, suggesting that they might be of interest to the Association. She has an example to see

The meeting was adjourned by Lee Kirby at 8:30 PM: moved by Lyman Collins, seconded by Chris Weedy, unanimous vote.