

April Delegate Meeting
InterNeighborhood Council of Durham
April 28, 2026

Attending the meeting were:

Neighborhood:

Cross Counties – Pat Carstensen

Long Meadow – Pakis Bessias

Morehead Hill – Bruce Mitchell

Trinity Park – Mimi Kessler

Tuscaloosa-Lakewood – Susan Sewell

Walltown – Danielle Doughman

Watts Hospital Hillandale (WHHNA) – Tom Miller, Sherri Zann Rosenthal

President Mimi Kessler called the meeting to order. Bruce moved to approve the March minutes. Tom seconded and this passed.

Parks Contamination: Danielle reported that members of the coalition of neighborhoods affected wrote Parks and Recs to ask them to include clean-up money in their budget requests, but Parks and Rec wouldn't do anything. The final report for DEQ was expected at the end of 2025, and we are still waiting.

Membership Drive: We will soon be ready to offer information sessions on the review of the Land Development Code (LDC), and we can use that as a way to show the benefits of INC membership to various groups in Durham. We may be able to do a general presentation at one of the libraries, as well as to specific neighborhoods or groups of neighborhoods. We can also do a general zoom and see if the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership would be helpful.

LDC Analysis: The Committee continues to meet and study the draft, compiling a list of potential changes and finding some alarming ideas. We don't see the governing bodies walking away from the effort; if there is a "break the thing loose," we would have a very short time to react. Bills are pending in the General Assembly that would fix the no-down-zoning law; most are tied up in the Rules Committee and it is hard to say what will happen. Please let Mimi or Tom know if you want to join one of the meetings.

Two **zoning cases of interest** are the Wright House case in Duke Park and a case at Farrington and NC54 in which the Planning Director went against the clear wording of the UDO to defer the TIA to part of the site plan approval.