

Dilworth Community Development Association (DCDA) CORRECTED

Minutes of April 6, 2011

Members Present: Tom Donaldson, Jill Walker, Jennifer Bailey, Kate Andrews, Betsy Turner, Nancy Kramer, Carla Ashton, Kristen Henderson, Ron Peterson, Quincy Acklen, Sis Kaplan, Brian Nadolny, Austin Brockenbrough, Hal Kempson

Members Absent: Kira Deter, Debra Glennon

Community Sign-Ins: Art Breitling, Charlie Chirchirillo, Chris Orr (YMCA), Bjorn Green, Kristen Henderson

The meeting was called to order by Tom Donaldson, President. Thanks were extended to Noodles and Company for providing refreshments for the meeting.

The first item of business was a presentation by Angela Parks, Executive Director of the Charlotte Community ToolBank. The ToolBank equips volunteers and employees of non-profit organizations, churches, schools and other charitable organizations with items such as work gloves, hammers, drills, and ladders when needed for community projects.

Tom expressed thanks to Jennifer Bailey who has gone through decades of the Dilworth Quarterly newsletter to determine past-Presidents, editors of the Quarterly and Home Tour chairs. The purpose of this review is to provide names for a plaque to recognize the leadership of the many Dilworth residents who contributed significant time over many years to DCDA projects.

The final 2011 DCDA budget was approved in a motion. Copies of each Committee's budget were available as a handout and are appended to the Secretary's minutes.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the March 2nd meeting.

There was discussion of potential neighborhood library closings. Nearby branch libraries, such as Myers Park and Scaleybark, are scheduled to close due to Mecklenburg County budget cuts. It was decided that there was not an actionable item to be brought before DCDA at present, and that Tom would monitor the situation in the coming months.

Kate Andrews of the Events Committee reported that the Home Tour had confirmed three homes for the tour and have four others as possibilities. Home recommendations from board members would be appreciated. Kate and Kira Deter are meeting with Lowes about renewing their Gold Sponsorship; initial discussions have been favorable. Jennifer Bailey reported that the Jubilee committee is working on getting restaurants and vendors.

The Communications Committee reported that the deadline for the next Dilworth Quarterly is April 30 and that Emily Nunn is transitioning to become Editor. The merging of email lists for "Neighborhood Network" and "DCDA Express" is nearing completion.

The Neighborhood Environment Committee is working with the City to put in place a master plan for trees in Dilworth. It will be important to get as much input as possible from residents and to educate the neighborhood on ramifications of a tree master plan.

Jill Walker reported for the Land Use Committee. She noted the East Boulevard demolition and subsequent fencing of properties owned by Carolinas Medical Center (CMC). CMC made a few changes to their "park" plan to confirm to the Pedscape Plan. Jill and John Fryday continue to participate in the Planning Department's Midtown, Morehead and Cherry Area Planning process.

Carla Ashton reported on behalf of the Neighborhood Safety Committee that there are presently three cases in the hands of Court Watchers. Officer Gilliland reported that there had been no home burglaries in the Dilworth area during March; other crimes were also down. Officer Gilliland will participate in a law enforcement bicycle ride to Washington, DC to honor officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and to raise funds for "Charlotte's Finest Legacy Foundation" which provides scholarships to students planning a law enforcement career.

Nancy Kramer reported on the activities of the Dilworth Cares Committee. The "Wine to Water" event was a success, raising \$3,500, enough for 9 clean water wells in Africa. The Dilworth Ladies Spring Party will be April 7th. There are 11 applicants for the Dilworth Cares grants which have generated substantial interest on the part of eligible human service organizations. Nancy read several thank you notes from Dilworth School students who benefited from Dilworth Cares grants.

The Nominating Committee put forth the name of Kristen Henderson to fill a vacancy for the class of 2011. Voting on the nominee will be at next month's meeting.

Plans for the Dilworth Criterion bicycle race are being finalized for Saturday, May 7th. There are plans for a beer garden with proceeds to benefit DCDA.

Ron Peterson reviewed progress on a sculpture to memorialize Edward Dilworth Latta and the Charlotte streetcar line which were the basis of growth of the Dilworth community. Jill Walker and Larry Elder of Elder Art Gallery in Dilworth will chair the committee overseeing the sculpture's placement, design and additional fundraising.

