

Dilworth Community Development Association (DCDA)

Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2011

Members Present: Tom Donaldson, Carla Ashton, Wes Kenney, Sis Kaplan, Brian Nadolny, Kevin Deter, Kate Andrews, Ron Skufka, Jenna King, Austin Brockenbrough, Jennifer Bailey, Kira Deter, Ron Peterson, Betsy Turner, Nancy Kramer, Jill Walker, John Fryday, Debra Glennon

Members Absent: John Mayo, Brennan Hay, Quincy Acklen

Community Sign-Ins: Art Breithing, Bob Neely, Emily Nunn, Ashley Hood, Kristen Henderson

President Tom Donaldson called the meeting to order. In a motion, the minutes of the December meeting were approved.

New Business: New DCDA members Jenna King, Ron Skufka, Kate Andrews, Kevin Deter, Brian Nadolny and Sis Kaplan were introduced. All members were reminded of the Board retreat on Saturday, January 22 from 8 am until noon at the offices of Tin, Fulton, Walker and Owen. There was discussion concerning errors on the Treasurer's report which will be reviewed and corrected at the board retreat.

Neighborhood Events, Fundraising and Related Activities: Sales figures for the commemorative trolley rail spike bottle openers and the former "DC" (Dilworth Community) signs were updated. The partnership with Charlotte Trolley on the Spike sales was emphasized. Paper Skyscraper has sold 82 of 100 bottle openers. Seventy-five of 125 "DC" signs have been sold.

Community participation netted a \$500 prize award from organizers of the Thunder Road Marathon in December. Future action will decide the recipient of the prize.

Dilworth Neighborhood Grill has given \$250 in gift certificates to DCDA; the Grill received one of the "DC" signs as a gift.

Communications Committee Report: Kristen Henderson noted an unavoidable delay on website redesign due to the consultant's injury. Kristen will be Acting Editor of the Dilworth Quarterly until Ann Willey's anticipated return in June. The next Quarterly deadline is Friday, January 28th.

Neighborhood Environment Report: A proposed traffic circle is in discussion with neighbors on McDonald Avenue.

A total of forty-four street sign toppers have been installed at the borders of the official Dilworth Historic District. An example was displayed to the Board.

New four-way stop signs are installed at Carlton and Berkeley. The Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) is sending postcard communication concerning a potential four-way stop to neighbors at Romany and Carlton. CDOT approved DCDA moving forward with communication to neighbors regarding all-way stop signs at (1) Winthrop and Dorothy and (2) Euclid and Templeton. Dilworth Road at Berkeley is approved for four-way stop signs; however, CDOT wants to present additional options due to the width of the street.

The Neighborhood Environment Committee made a motion, which passed unanimously, to support the installation of speed bumps on McDonald Avenue between Park Road and Ideal Way.

Land Use Committee Report: It was noted that property at the corner of South Boulevard and Ideal Way has been acquired by Long Animal Hospital for a major expansion.

Urban Realty on East Boulevard inquired about rezoning their location from “office” to “retail” and was advised regarding parking and hours of operation as possible areas of concern. A representative was invited to DCDA to present their concept.

There has been outside discussion regarding the Bloom grocery store property but there are deed restrictions limiting further development at the site. There was no Board action since deed restrictions are outside of the scope of work of DCDA.

Neighborhood Safety: Community Police Officer Gilliland compared 2010 crime statistics with 2009. There has been a significant decrease in residential burglaries and larcenies from autos. Locking car doors and pedestrian doors to residential garages and outbuildings would decrease larcenies even further. Citizen alertness to unusual activity and willingness to call 911 is a major factor in reducing crime.

The Police Department monthly newsletter for the Dilworth area, “On The Beat”, is available to any one who notifies Sgt. Stahnke by email at rstahnke@cmpd.org.

Dilworth Cares: The “Merry Ladies of Dilworth” party was attended by 150 women in December. Fundraising was quite successful; the raffle for the handmade quilt netted \$1,000 and the silent auction produced \$4,500. Dilworth School is the designee for these funds.

Administrative: A vacancy for a Board term ending in 2012 has a nominee, Hal Kempson. Tom encouraged all members to be present at the Board annual retreat to be held Saturday, January 22 from 8 a.m. until noon. Members were reminded of Board attendance requirements limiting absences to three in a year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Ashton, Secretary

