

## **Dilworth Community Development Association (DCDA)**

### **Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2011 (Revised)**

Members Present: Tom Donaldson, Carla Ashton, Wes Kenney, Sis Kaplan, Jill Walker, John Fryday, Ron Peterson, Betsy Turner, Kevin Deter, Brian Nadolny, Nancy Kramer, Jennifer Bailey, Jenna King, Quincy Acklen

Members Absent: Kira Deter

Community Sign-ins: John Tsumas, Josh Rimany, Art Breitling

President Tom Donaldson called the meeting to order. Tom noted there had been no changes in the Treasurer's report since the last meeting and that Kira Deter had spent significant time working with budget matters. In a motion, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following corrections: Brian Nadolny, Austin Brockenbrough and Hal Kempton were added as attendees, and Jill Walker is co-chairing the Committee overseeing the art/sculpture to be located in Dilworth.

John Tsumas of Chick-fil-A was thanked as having provided refreshments several times for DCDA meetings. John discussed a fundraising day on Tuesday, May 10, to benefit a young cancer patient and invited everyone present to dine with Chick-fil-A on that day because all profit will be donated to the family of the patient.

Events Committee: Jenna King reported that 14 sponsors had been confirmed for the Home Tour and that five homes had been committed. There are two "Silver Sponsors", Crazy Jane's and Green Horizons, and one "Gold Sponsor", Lowes. Advertising and marketing efforts will begin as soon as two more homes are finalized. Jennifer Bailey reported that the Jubilee Committee is continuing to solicit more vendors. The Dilworth Criterium bicycle race will be held this Saturday, May 7, circling Latta Park. Beer gardens are planned as an added attraction.

Communications Committee: Quincy Acklen encouraged everyone to sign up for Dilworth Express if they haven't already. There was mention of some difficulty registering for the Express. A June launch is planned for the new Dilworth Online website.

Neighborhood Environment Committee: Betsy Turner announced that the City had agreed to let the Committee manage the Dilworth Master Tree Plan; there will be 200 trees added. Board members can be helpful by spreading the word among residents that new trees are promised. Betsy encouraged the Board to meet with the Committee at its regular meeting time of the third Wednesday of the month. The City is sponsoring two public meetings on Wednesday, May 11 to gather comments for a "Tree Canopy Investment Strategy" and members were encouraged to attend.

Land Use Committee: Jill Walker related that the Dilworth art project, a sculpture related to Edward Dilworth Latta and /or the historic Dilworth suburban streetcar line, was

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progressing well. A cocktail/ information reception will be held May 18 to give the advisory board and public an opportunity for input. The location for the sculpture is close to finalization, with some outstanding issues related to a power pole and stop sign still to be worked out. The goal is to have the sculpture finished and in place in one year.

Neighborhood Safety: Referrals to Court Watch are down due to a decrease in crime. A motion was made and passed to donate \$200 in support of a police bicycle ride to Washington, D.C. which is to honor officers killed in the line of duty and is a fundraiser for "Charlotte's Finest Legacy Foundation" which gives scholarships to students in law enforcement. Officer Gilliland reminded members to be aware of their surroundings at all times and mentioned more runners and bicyclists will be out with the warmer weather.

Dilworth Cares: Nancy Kramer announced that the recipient of the Dilworth Cares grant for 2011-2012 will be Friendship Trays. After a selection process with eleven applicants, Friendship Trays was chosen because of innovative ideas such as a friendship garden and their strong cooperation with other charitable food providers. The grant kick-off is the Home Tour in September.

Administrative/Nominations Committee: Kristen Henderson was voted in to fill an unexpired term of six months in 2011. Bjorn Greene was nominated for the vacant Board seat for 2012 and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Ashton, Secretary