

Dilworth Community Development Association (DCDA)

Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2011

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

Members Absent: Austin Brockenbrough, John Mayo

Community Sign-ins: Charlie Chirclirillo, Robert Neely, Art Breitling, Chris Orr (YMCA), Melanie Custer YMCA), Mary Beth Sensabaugh, Josh Rimany

President Tom Donaldson called the meeting to order and reminded all committee chairs to summarize their budget requests for this year and send them to Kira Deter and himself.

Budget Report: Kira gave an overview of ways the Committee budget requests will be itemized. Reimbursement forms are now available and should be used with receipts attached. All home tour income checks have been received.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved. Visitors were welcomed and two staff members of the Dowd YMCA were recognized.

Events and Fundraising Committee Report: Home Tour dates were announced to be September 16 and 17, 2011. All members were reminded that a diversity of homes dispersed throughout Dilworth was desirable and each member should assist with finding homes for the tour.

The Jubilee date for 2011 is Saturday, October 15. There was discussion as to whether a rain date should be set.

There is community support for a Dilworth Road Race and various dates will be investigated for feasibility. Both spring and fall were noted to be busy times and there is a moratorium on road races uptown. Saturday, May 7, is the Dilworth Criterium bicycle race and May 14 is Carolinas Healthcare System's (CHS) "Keep Pounding" road race. A motion was made and passed unanimously to support CHS while continuing to search for a suitable date for the Dilworth race.

Previous chairs of Dilworth events are being researched by reviewing back issues of the Dilworth Quarterly. Tom asked the group to email him with findings.

The Dilworth Book sales were reported on by Jill Walker. One thousand books were printed at a cost of \$7.83 per book, provided to Paper Skyscraper for \$17.50 where they were sold for \$25. There was discussion of reducing the price to encourage greater sales.

There are about 50 streetcar-spike bottle openers left.

The new Dilworth Historic District signs are installed and there are a few available for placement within the District; locations were solicited.

After discussion, a motion was made and passed to donate DCDA's \$500 prize from the Thunder Road Marathon to Dilworth School. A thank-you note from school principal Diane Burnham was read. The Dilworth Cares committee activities contributed \$10,000 to the School earmarked for specific activities including Odyssey of the Mind, Chess Club, and a fifth-grade field trip to Charleston, S.C. Applications for next year's recipient of "Dilworth Cares" committee activities are due March 26 and the recipient will be scheduled to attend DCDA in May.

A wine-tasting event, Dilworth Wine for Water, will be Thursday night, March 24, in support of a water project for Malawi. The Dilworth Women's Spring Party is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13.

Quincy Acklen reported for the Communications Committee. Progress continues on the Dilworth website redesign.

Neighborhood Environment Committee: Recent activity with City staff resulted in a goal of developing a coherent master tree plan for Dilworth which would create a diversity of trees and larger canopy trees. Debra Glennon, Betsy Turner and Tom Donaldson were recognized as quickly and appropriately spearheading this effort since the January meeting.

It was reported that there was no more opposition to a traffic circle on McDonald Avenue and that an additional circle on Ideal Way may be investigated.

Land Use Committee: There will be a neighborhood meeting regarding Long Animal Hospital's new location at Ideal Way and South Boulevard on February 17 at 7 pm at Pritchard Memorial Church. A public hearing is scheduled for March 21st.

On February 10 there will be a public hearing regarding City plans for Morehead Street, Cherry neighborhood and Midtown.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department liaisons Sgt. Stahnke and Officer Gilliland reported that there were no burglaries in January in Dilworth. A suspect has been apprehended who stole multiple cars from the parking deck at Carolinas' Medical Center.

Administrative/Nominations Committee: Board members were reminded that a maximum of three meetings missed during a calendar year is grounds for removal from DCDA. There will be more discussion of attendance at the March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Ashton, Secretary