

DILWORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

October 1, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Chris Flouhouse (President)	Amanda Pipkin	Jamie Rimany
Cynthia Schwartz (President Elect)	John Gresham	Courtenay Buchan
Mathew Demetriades (Secretary)	Anne Gildea	Jill Walker
Betty Hunter (Treasurer)	Nate Doolittle	Sis Kaplan
Aaron Newlander		

Guests:

Tim Porter (Urban Forestry Supervisor)
Eric Zaverl (President of South End Association)

I. Call to order

President Chris Flouhouse welcomed all to the meeting, and gave anyone in attendance an opportunity to voice their specific concerns, events, announcements, or get feedback from neighborhood residents.

II. August and September Meeting Minutes

A. August and September meeting minutes were presented. They were approved unanimously.

III. New Business/Announcements/Presentation

- A. Eric Zaverl the President of the South End Association came and introduced himself. He invited all in attendance to their next meeting on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 PM at Byron's South End. Check them out: www.southendneighborhood.com
- B. Guest Speaker Tim Porter: City of Charlotte Urban Forestry Supervisor
1. Tim Porter is over permitting/plan review/inspection and concentrates on trees.
 2. One of his many goals is to protect and preserve trees on commercial properties.
 3. There are three main requirements for trees including on the perimeter (street), internal (parking lot), and tree save which is for the tree canopy, and was adopted three years ago. Trees serve environmental, social, and technical purposes.
 4. With the tree save initiative, there are a couple of factors. One is no option which means that trees must be preserved, or new trees must be planted on a property. The other option is to preserve, plant, install a green roof, or do a payment in lieu where a fine is payed, and trees can be removed entirely from a project.
 5. The Charlotte Tree Ordinance is very progressive and forty-seven percent of the tree canopy has been saved. The goal is to save fifty percent of the tree canopy.
 6. Many projects around Dilworth are being reviewed to make sure trees are being taken care of.
- C. Tree Banding Grant: The grant will be signed on Friday, October 3rd.
- D. Berkeley Avenue will have a Halloween Block Party Halloween night. Watch out for children!
- E. TOADs Playgroup: Lori Flouhouse will be stepping down as chairperson. A new chairperson is needed.
- F. Strategic Plan Update: Name change – Please see below.

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IV. Treasurer's Report: Betty Hunter

- A. The home tour beat budget and the preliminary figure is that it was \$19,000 ahead. The 2013 home tour final figure was \$23,000 ahead.
- B. Betty commended the home tour committee for a successful tour.

V. Community Officer: Officer Jim Gilliland reported

- A. On September 15th, there was an armed robbery on the 700 block of Scott Boulevard. Nobody was injured. The suspect has not been caught.
- B. Car break-ins are down. Those cars broken into were left unlocked.
- C. Home break-ins are up. Three occurred at apartments. One shed on Worthington was hit, and one home on Kingston was hit. Please note that guns were stolen at one of the properties. Lock weapons up!!

A special thank you to Officer Gilliland who volunteered his time on Saturday, September 20th to work at the Dilworth Home Tour. We appreciate you, Officer Gilliland.

VI. Home Tour: The home tour debrief will occur during the November meeting.

VII. Dilworth Cares: Anne Gildea reported

- A. The Ladies of Dilworth holiday party will be on Thursday, December 4th.
- B. Fundraising for Freedom School Partners is being discussed in conjunction with the Ladies of Dilworth Holiday Party.

VII. Communications: Amanda Pipkin Anderson reported

- A. Website Enhancements Update: Tree Banding information and general information on the 2015 Jubilee are going to be put on the website.
- B. The next deadline for the Dilworth Quarterly is November 30th. We agreed to sell advertising space for the Quarterly on the web.
- C. We are looking for a new Editor for the Dilworth Quarterly. The position will again be advertised in the Express.

VIII. Neighborhood Environment: Thomas Pegelow Kaplan (Absent)

- A. The tree grant will be signed on Friday, October 3rd.

IX. Land Use Committee: Jill Walker reported

- A. Pulte Project on Marsh and Euclid: The decision on this project was unanimous to not support the project.

X. Administrative/Nominations Committee: Chris Flouhouse reported

- A. For the Class of 2017, we are searching for five to six new board members. Please let Chris know of interested candidates.

XI. Motion: Nate Doolittle: Change the name of the DCDA (Dilworth Community Development Association) to DCA (Dilworth Community Association). Amanda Pipkin Anderson Seconded, and the motion passed with eleven in favor, and one not in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM. Next meeting, Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM.