

DILWORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

March 5, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Chris Flouhouse (President)	John Gresham	Jill Walker	Jamie Rimany
Cynthia Schwartz (President Elect)	John Fryday	Sis Kaplan	Aaron Newlander
Betty Hunter (Treasurer)	Nate Doolittle	Bob Neely	
Mathew Demetriades (Secretary)	Debra Glennon	Thomas Pegelow Kaplan	

Guests:

Susan Jetton	Julie Nofsinger	Matt Kokenes
Tamara Titus	Officer Jim Gilliland	
Jack Fenlon	Amanda Pipkin	

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. February Meeting Minutes were voted on and approved unanimously.

III. New Business/Announcements/Presentation

- A. Dilworth Ladies Spring Party is Thursday, April 24th. Mark your calendars.
- B. Website Updates: Bellaworks is going to assist with the website.
- C. Matt Kokenes: Microfarm Organic Gardens. Matt came and discussed his company which may be able to assist with community gardens.
 1. The company does some work with soil, composting and garden design.
- D. Julie Nofsinger: Dilworth Community Gardens (Follow-up from February Meeting)
 1. Duke Energy will create the licensing agreement, DCDA would be the lessee. This is in the works.
 2. Costs: Range from \$2,000 to \$2,400 to irrigate the site, including equipment.
 3. Fencing: Would reach eight feet.
 4. Grading: Parking grading is needed. The cost is unknown at this time.
 5. Rentals: Julie is trying to stick to around \$50/year/plot.
 6. Taxes: In discussion as to who covers the taxes for the property (Duke or DCDA).
 7. Liability Insurance: Listed in the lessee agreement. Relatively inexpensive; DCDA would take on.
 8. Interest: When there is a lot of interest, interested gardeners will be put into a lottery. Julie has DCDA support, and we will review this further in the April meeting.
- E. Amanda Pipkin Anderson:
 1. Historian at UNCC
 2. Interested in working on the Communications Committee and with the website.
 3. Wants to be active in Dilworth and run for the DCDA board.

Motion: Vote on Amanda to join the DCDA board for the class of 2016. The DCDA board voted unanimously for Amanda. Welcome Amanda.

F. Patsy Kinsey:

1. Patsy has been voted Charlotte Woman of the Year. The event to honor her is March 19th at Imaginon from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, and is free.

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IV. Treasurer's Report: Betty Hunter

- A. Committee Chairs, please submit your budgets to Betty for review as soon as possible.

V. Safety and Security: Officer Jim Gilliland

- A. Arson on East Boulevard in February
 - 1. The property was commercial.
 - 2. The suspect was caught and apprehended.
- B. Meacham Street Break In
 - 1. A home on Meacham Street was broken into. The suspect was caught and apprehended.
- C. Car Breakins
 - 1. On the rise.
- D. Crime at construction sites
 - 1. On the rise.

VI: Dilworth Cares:

- A. The community care campaign had thirteen applications submitted when they were accepting applications. The committee will begin the review process during the week of March 10th to narrow down the candidates to three.

VII: Events:

- A. Home Tour: Susan Jetton
 - 1. Susan asked that we let her know of tour homes and interested volunteers.

VIII. Neighborhood Environment: Thomas Pegelow Kaplan

- A. Grant Regulations
 - 1. Thomas agreed to make the changes (suggested in February) to the Tree Grant (application for planting and trimming).
 - 2. Thomas may invite Tim Porter (Urban Forester) and Don McSween (Arborist) to a future DCDA meeting.

Motion: Nate Doolittle: Vote on the application to let the Neighborhood Environment Committee proceed with the Tree Grant. Seconded: John Gresham. The vote passed with all but two board members approving.

IV: Land Use Committee: Cynthia Schwartz and Jill Walker

Cynthia and Jill updated the following projects:

- A. Catellus Group Rezoning (Hotel): Going for a vote on March 17th.
- B. David Weekly Homes Rezoning: The Land Use Committee is concerned about a density issue. The project is going for a vote on March 17th.
- C. Jeff Tonidandel Rezoning (East Boulevard and Charlotte Drive): Project withdrawn.
- D. New Carolina Income Properties Rezoning: Goes for a vote on March 17th.
- E. HDC COA Process and Enforcement: Talks have slowed; Land Use will keep paying attention for any updates.
- F. Text Amendment (Restaurants, Clubs, Bars): Going for a vote on March 17th. DCDA stood up against this amendment as it is not appropriate for PED.
- G. Midtown Morehead Cherry PED Amendment: Cindy would like John Fryday's expertise.
- H. The new Crescent Dilworth Groundbreaking is Thursday, March 13th at 4:00 PM, at 1351 East Morehead Street. All are invited.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.