

DILWORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

August 6, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Cynthia Schwartz (President Elect)	John Gresham	Bob Neely
Betty Hunter (Treasurer)	Sis Kaplan	Anne Gildea
Mathew Demetriades (Secretary)	Amanda Pipkin	John Fryday
Aaron Newlander	Thomas Pegelow Kaplan	Courtenay Buchon
Nate Doolittle	Jamie Rimany	

Guests:

Susan Jetton (Home Tour Chairperson)

I. Call to order

Secretary Mathew Demetriades 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. July Meeting Minutes

A. July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

III. New Business/Announcements/Presentation

A. Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools begin on August 25th. Watch out for students and school buses.

B. The Yiasou Greek Festival begins September 4th through September 7th.

C. The 42nd Annual Dilworth Home Tour takes place on September 19th and September 20th.

D. The 50th Annual Festival in the Park begins September 19th and lasts through September 21st.

E. Rico Oyola: Rico came and gave a brief introduction to Next Door, social network for neighborhood communities.

F. Victor Ahdieh: Freedom Park Neighborhood Association. Victor introduced himself and discussed tree banding initiatives. Freedom Park Neighborhood Association meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Maylon Adams Pavilion. He is looking forward to a relationship with DCDA.

G. Allen Brooks, Mike Glaser, Carl and Joelle Jacobs, Will and Christina Phipps: Group of Dilworth neighbors who feel they were harassed by PHD (see attached letter).

1. Group questioned Jill Walker's Dilworth Quarterly article titled "Thanks PHD."

2. Group reiterated that PHD tactics were unneighborly, and that they were harassed by members of PHD. PHD showed up in their yards, were very unpleasant.

3. Group reiterated that their renovations followed HDC guidelines, and HDC needs to work on their methods, and that PHD would not listen to this.

4. DCDA made it clear that PHD is not part of DCDA, and agreed that we need to communicate that fact more clearly on the website.

5. DCDA made it clear that PHD wanted to put an article in the Dilworth Quarterly and were not allowed.

6. DCDA said if this group of neighbors wanted to put an article in the Quarterly, it would be reviewed at length by the DCDA board before being published.

7. DCDA said that City Planning knows that PHD is not part of DCDA.

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8. DCDA also mentioned that PHD members attend many DCDA meetings monthly.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Betty Hunter gave an update on the budget

- A. DCDA finances are in order as evidenced by the budget Betty distributed.
- B. We are getting steady incomes from the Dilworth Quarterly and the Dilworth Express.

V. Community Officer: Officer Jim Gilliland reported

- A. Officer Gilliland stated there was one car break in and car theft in Olmstead Park. The car was later recovered in another neighborhood.
- B. Crime statistics are about the same as last year.
- C. Car break-ins are down around 50% from this time last year.

VI. Home Tour: Susan Jetton reported

- A. Currently, we have six houses (including one loft) and Freedom School Partners. We are looking at one more house as a possibility to have on tour.
- B. WFAE is on board.
- C. To date, we have raised \$11,000 in sponsorships.
- D. Tickets for the home tour go on sale Labor Day weekend at Paper Skyscraper, Dilworth Drug, Park Road Books, Mayobird, Ultra Running Company and Persuasion Restaurant.
- E. Anne Gildea is pushing for volunteers and reminded board members to sign up. Anne will soon send the Sign Up Genius link around to neighbors.

VII. Dilworth Cares: Anne Gildea reported

- A. Summer is a quiet time for Dilworth Cares. Dilworth Cares is looking forward to their partnership with Freedom School Partners.

VII. Communications: Amanda Pipkin Anderson reported

- A. Amanda has found a new host for the website. Wordpress will assist us in clarifications, as well as committees. With Wordpress, it will be much easier to update the website.
- B. We will continue to work with Bellaworks.

VIII. Neighborhood Environment: Thomas Pegelow Kaplan reported

- A. We are continuing to build the committee. A transition plan is in process after Thomas' term comes to an end.
- B. One initiative of the committee is to continue to pursue tree preservation.
- C. On October 1st, Tim Porter will meet with the Neighborhood Environment Committee to talk about trees.

IX. Land Use Committee: John Fryday reported

- A. Pulte Project on Marsh and Euclid: Staff did not support, City Council denied it. September 15 there is a protest petition.
- B. Dilworth Court: Tremont and Euclid. Group came to Land Use who voted to approve the project.
- C. Two new text amendments are coming through.
- D. Jack Fenlon: Jack came and reported on speeding cars in Dilworth specifically on the 400 block of East Worthington. He passed out a statement from neighbors (attached), and asked the board to discuss.

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- E. Patrick Aeroli (sp?) a resident on Oriole Avenue expressed his concerns over what appears to be a rainwater retention pond on Morehead Street near Oriole by the Duke Endowment. Several neighbors are concerned with increased levels of mosquitoes and the health hazards associated with an open pond. John agreed to research the concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM.