

Elizabeth Community Association Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2006

Present: Peter Tart, Michelle Dagenhart, Dianna Desaulniers, Babak Emadi, Tony Miller, Linda Nash, Melanie Sizemore, Kris Solow, Roxie Towns, Nancy Albert, Ruffin Pearce, John Albert, Russell Crandall, Todd Rubenson.

Absent: Jean Galloway, Matt Ipsan, Terry Lett, Maya Packard, JT Peterson, Emily Zarbatany

Guests and Neighbors: David Stewart, John Fryday.

Quorum: Present

Key Presentations:

1. John Fryday: Dilworth Community Development Association. Dilworth just re-did Small Area Plan which took 2.5 years. The DCDA is facing contentious South Blvd development at Ideal Way. The zoning committee has approved the rezoning but the planning staff is against the rezoning. John explained that the rezoning ignores the small area plan which was just adopted by City Council for Dilworth. John asked the ECA to write a letter to City Council opposing this rezoning. The ECA voted unanimously to write the letter opposing the Blue Sky rezoning.
2. David Stewart; International House: St. Johns will renew the Int'l House's lease for a 5 year term commencing this December, and give IH the right to terminate upon 6 months notice to St. John's. St. John's will have a capital campaign to raise funds to demo the building. David Stewart said that IH will be looking for relocation space and will send us the specs on what they need. Tony Miller suggested that he look at St. Peter's Episcopal Church's facilities downtown as there seemed to be a match between IH's needs and the facility at St. Peter's. David also discussed IH's needs for host families to house visitors to IH, most recently these visitors were from the former Soviet Republics. The host families need to provide housing, breakfast, dinner and transport to IH every day for the visitors who are in Charlotte for three weeks.
3. Independence Park tree Banding : Ruffin has arranged for Charlotte Cares to have a team at the Park on November 18th to band the Park. As all of the ECA board members will be at the retreat that day, he asked all board members to see if they could recruit 1-2 Elizabeth residents to work alongside the Charlotte Cares volunteers on Saturday.
4. ECA Neighborhood Grant for Tree Banding: The ECA was awarded \$2,400 to apply to the cost of materials to band private property in Elizabeth. Dianna Desaulniers will lead the effort on behalf of the ECA.
5. ECA Road Race: We will put an article in the newsletter that updates the neighborhood on the status of the race and see if someone wants to step forward and chair the race. It may be that we suspend the Race for 2007 if no one volunteers to co-chair the race.

Committee Reports:

Membership - 225 members. Everyone needs to pay their ECA dues January 1st when they are due for the 2007 year. There will not be a block party this year, instead Dianna is looking at a festival in the Park which may co-inside with another ECA festival =such as the Easter Egg hunt.

Beautification - Per Kris Solow: had 5-6 volunteers for the Plaza Midwood crawl to help distribute tree banding material. Paul Thrift of Landscape Management will follow-up with Kris on the tree planting status.

Zoning: The petitions for the Railroad Tracks and Fireman Hall has been withdrawn. Tony reported that the community meeting for the Doctor's Building at Hawthorne and 5th was sparsely attended and there was no opposition voiced at this meeting. Peter Tart read the conditional notes and then the ECA board voted to send a letter to City Council in support of this rezoning. Tony has not received any notice of a community meeting for Grubb's development on Elizabeth Avenue. The Board voted to send a letter supporting the rezoning to city council. Krug 7th Street Property: will have more information on Friday. Hawthorne and Central - the ECA will not oppose this rezoning as it is: outside of our boundaries and because it is one developer looking to close the alleys on property where he owns all of the parcels.

Traffic: ECA voted to approve the recommendations of the Traffic Committee. Russell Crandall will submit such to CDOT and report back to the ECA Board once he has the results from CDOT.

Block Captains - we need someone to distribute on Kenmore Avenue and at Mary Washington.