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DNPCT Membership Report

The following DNPCT members will be moved from Active to Suspended status if they do not attend the December meeting:

Khaira Al-Khalili, Sheila Fox, Jerome Garvey, Eliot Kimber and Lauri Ramos

For more information, please refer to the bylaws (available on the Yahoo! site) or contact Peter Davis at 296-4906 or design4spirit@earthlink.net

Dawson Neighborhood Association (DNA) Draft Minutes - October 14, 2013

Minutes: Approved as published in the newsletter.

New Business: Officer nominations – Myron Smith, Pres; Mitchell Harrison, VP; Sandy McMillan, Secretary; Marisa Fushille, Newsletter Editor. b) Julie W - Dawson Elementary holding annual fall carnival, invited n'hood to attend. c) Mitchell H – Holiday family assistance seeking volunteers. d) 2 unanimous votes on proposed voting districts: 1) Send letter to commission stating 78704 area should remain in same voting district, not split as proposed. Due to proximity to downtown, share many issues, such as development pressures, land use, requests for variances, public events, need for sidewalks, etc. Many, if not most, 78704 n'hoods share our position. 78704 a cohesive n'hood just as Dove Springs and Montopolis so should remain a cohesive voting bloc. & 2) sign on with other 78704 n'hoods' letters to commission, council, ANC, etc. f) Kam M - PARD's plans to close some pools, replace with aquatic centers and plans at Auditorium Shores to relocate and significantly reduce off-leash area for dogs. g) Marty H – reported escalation in amplified sound at Opal Divine's. h) Unanimous vote to provide no comment to real estate magazine seeking our input. i) Bob F volunteered to take Jayson's Lightsey newsletter route; Marisa offered help with delivery too

Issues in the Neighborhood: a) Mary H – reported escalation in activity on Ben Howell at AT&T property, suggested she check permits/call 311. b) Does Torchy's create parking problems, no recent complaints from nearby residents.

Old Business: None to report

Dawson Neighborhood Planning Contact Team (DNCPT) Draft Minutes – October 14, 2013

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes as published carried.

Membership report: new pending members Mary Pat Helton and Brad Absalom attended their first meeting. (David Di Blasio signed in but did not stay for the DNPCT meeting.)

New Business: nominations for board members opened. The group decided to draft the same crew as last year's board. Board members whose term continues: Steve Gee, Mitchell Harrison, Marissa Fushille and Ted Finkbeiner; Julie Woods, Donna Knapp, Peter Davis, Marty Harris and Myron Smith nominated for re-election to next two years' term.

Old Business: a) Planning commission has been noticing developers trying to avoid discussion with the neighborhood, so the Planning Commission will NOT change the process as discussed in last months' meeting. b) Gillis Park - a volleyball court is being built. c) Regarding the paving of the alley south of Oltorf - a neighbor protested the paving effort and so the matter has been allowed to lapse. d) No park cleanup planned for this fall. e) Weird speed bumps on Wilson and Euclid - feedback from the neighborhood was mostly positive because they actually caused traffic to slow down; Stephanie Lott with the city is supposed to talk to EMS to make sure the speed bumps don't interfere with emergency access.