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## **Ground Breaking at the Community Garden**

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, members of the Trinity Church and Dawson residents gathered at the Cumberland Road plot for this exciting event. While enjoying crafts, food and drinks, and other activities, we also discussed the many benefits of community gardens and tips for successful crops. The City of Austin, the Sustainable Food Center and others will provide, free of charge, resources such as mulch and seeds. If you would like more information, to sign up for a plot, volunteer with the clean up or otherwise be involved, contact Peter at 296-4906 or design4spirit@earthlink.net.

## Dawson Neighborhood Association (DNA) Draft Minutes - October 8, 2012

Minutes from the August 13. 2012 meeting were approved.

Old Business: A. City of Austin representatives from Watershed Protection, including Roxanne Jackson, provided an update on the Lightsey-Wilson storm drain project, which will take place over the next 2 years in approximately 6 different strategic phases. City representatives explained that each phase will be completed before the next phase is started and that each phase is designed to provide few obstacles for residents. City representatives distributed printed copies of the storm drain improvement plans and responded to numerous questions. The Lightsey-Wilson project is distinct from the Euclid-Wilson project and will be designed and executed by City of Austin engineers and work crews. B. DNA Officer nominations were made: President - Myron Smith, Vice President - Mitchell Harrison, Secretary - Sandy McMillan, and Newsletter Editor - Carmen Hernandez C. The deadline for the Habitat Challenge 2012 is Nov. 15.

<u>New Business:</u> Peter described that Pastor Mike from Trinity Abundant Life Church, on Cumberland Road, is interested in working with the neighborhood to develop a community garden on the church property.

**Issues in the N-hood:** A. Marty discussed criminal activities that have been occurring behind the grocery on Congress and in front of the water retention pond on Alpine. Police are responding. B. Mike from the Crow Bar announced a neighborhood party, with hot dogs, hamburgers, and a mural painting to involve kids, 11-2 on Nov. 3.

## Dawson Neighborhood Planning Contact Team (DNCPT) Draft Minutes - October 8, 2012

**Minutes** from the August meeting were approved.

**Membership Report:** Ted Finkbeiner and Marissa Fushille accepted to full membership.

**New Business**: Board member nominations opened: half the board will stay on for next year (second year of a two-year term) and half will be replaced. Mike, Julie, Donna, Myron, and Peter agreed to stay on for next year; Marty, Becky and Sandy volunteered to end their terms but are willing to begin a new term; Marissa Fushille, Steve Gee, Mitchell Harrison and Ted Finkbeiner volunteered to serve as new board members.

**Old Business:** Ruta Maya is interested in the old collision center on Pickle for a coffee shop (or trailer). The lot on Wadford by P. Terry's is going to be a Medspring emergency care provider and construction is proceeding quickly. Motion to adjourn.