

**MINUTES**  
**GDCA BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

**Present:** David Franz, Mawe Takyi, Ray Mack, Fran Schurtz, Eric Troutman, Jason Dore, Dorothy Prowell, Mary Fontenot, Willie Fontenot, & Nancy Grush

**Financial:** Treasurer's report showed \$43,000 (approx.) balance. Ray said we lost \$200 on the Champagne Stroll & thinks we should charge \$45 next year if it's catered again. We sold 73 tickets.

**Fall Picnic:** In addition to board members who already volunteered for various tasks, Mawe volunteered to help set up.

**Christmas  
Lights**

**Contest:** Jason Dore agreed to contact Dustin Puryea(?). Mary Fontenot agreed to solicit volunteers to help judge.

**Lights on  
Park Blvd.**

Some discussion about putting up lights in the trees along the median of Park Blvd. GDCA could donate \$1,500. Residents who offered their outlets could possibly get a free membership to the GDCA for a year.

**Signage:**

David Franz reported suggestions of Signage Committee (David, Dorothy, & Paul Miller). All signs would include APA designation. 1) 18" x 18" bronze plaque could be mounted on brick columns at est. cost of \$773; 2) 2' x 4' vertical banners hanging from light poles with each costing about \$150 - \$200 to cover banner & installation cost; 3) new batch (300) of yard signs to include APA designation.; and asking realtors to include the designation in "For Sale" signs.

Dorothy moved that the Signage Committee proceed with erecting the bronze plaque. Ray seconded. Motion passed.

Dorothy also moved that we allocate up to \$1,000 for new yard signs. Second by Fran. Motion passed.

**Historic**

**Preservation:** Some discussion on efforts to suspend the HPC from reviewing requests. Ray discussed history of Dreher Place Historical District.

**Dues Drive:** Jason, Ray, Dorothy, Mawe, & Eric would start planning in December.

**Security:** Ray said we collect about \$24,000 in annual dues & spend about \$16,000 on security (off-duty patrols). Dorothy raised concerns about accountability, i.e. officers providing some type of log of how they spent their time. Ultimately decided not to press for reports.

**Christmas**

**Carols:** Ray moved that we authorize Mary Fontenot to spend up to \$250 of GDCA funds for hosting Christmas Caroling event. Nancy seconded it. Motion passed.

**Absent**

**Members:** Nancy is to prepare a list of members who've been absent three meetings.