

GDCA BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2013

Present: Ray Mack, Willie Fontenot, David Franz, Rosary Beck, Dorothy Prowell, Phil Hackney, Chris Odinet, Erick Troutman, Mawe Tyaki, Katherine Ragland, Anne Trapp, Paul Miller, and Jason Dore.

First order of business was to elect new board members. Ray Mack was elected as president and Eric Troutman was elected as vice president. Although Dorothy Prowell is formally the assistant vice president, Ed Hanchey offered to help. Nancy Grush agreed to be secretary.

It was agreed that we need to have a list of board members and their duties.

Ray suggested that each member who is in charge of an event create a "cookbook," outlining the tasks for that event. Katherine Ragland suggested that the board member keep a journal and timeline of what was done to complete each task. Paul Miller suggested keeping such information on the website. He also suggested deciding on a location for storing supplies for events.

It was agreed that the meetings be held at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month and that a social precede the meeting for those members who can arrive at 6:30. Next meeting will be at Katherine Ragland's home, 2105 Klienert. The meeting will focus on the Sustainability Tour and the GDCA's mission for the coming year.

Discussion then evolved around ways to increase the number of members (those who pay the annual \$120.00 dues). Suggestions included: having different levels of membership, taking advantage of longer days by canvassing blocks in the neighborhood to identify a possible "block captain" who could generate support for the dues among his/her neighbors; identifying capital improvement projects supported by the annual dues and focusing on how it maintains or improves property values.

Chris Odinet suggested working with the Mid City Redevelopment Alliance by identifying how the Garden District complements Mid City and that such a partnership could generate money for capital improvement projects within the district.

Chris also volunteered to provide Ray with a template for a contract between a civic association and a security patrol.

Next meeting will be March 19 at Katherine Ragland's home, 2105 Kleinert.