

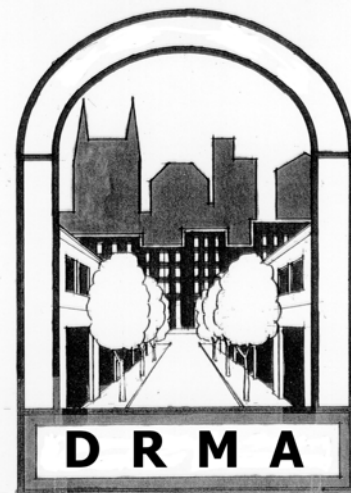
Dickerson Road Merchants' Association

“Coming Together for a Change”

Monthly Meeting Notes

February 22nd, 2007

Days Inn Coliseum



Crime and Safety Issues – East Precinct

Commander Nash stated that a concentrated effort of enforcement continues at 121 Lucille, North 2nd & 14th & Straightway. Please stay alert of the activity in these areas and report happenings to the east precinct.

Dickerson Road Streetscape Enhancement

Littlejohn Engineering is working on the finalization of the streetscape enhancement, for example the curb cuts. Surveying was finished in Nov-Dec. 2006. Bidding for the construction will go out to the public in April 2007. Groundbreaking possibly in the Fall 2007.

Old Business

Currently the name change of Dickerson Road, from south of Trinity Lane, to Skyline Blvd. has been deferred. DRMA is in favor of the change but we want to make sure all residents and merchants have a chance to express their desires. DRMA only wants what everyone decides collectively. The name change would have to be approved by the state. NPR has contacted one of the DRMA officers to possibly do a story for TV on how a name change can influence the course of the community. Several other cities, San Diego to name one, has changed the name of a problem road and seen excellent results of revitalization.

Nashville Commons on Dickerson Pike across from Skyline Hospital announced that they will be breaking ground April 2007. The projected will be anchored by a 184,000 square foot Wal-Mart Super Center & a 900,000 square foot home improvement store.

Paul & Ray's have been sold to Ms. Nicole Harris. We would like for her to attend a meeting to express her future plans for the business. Currently the idea is that she will open a hardware store, small eating facility, and run her bookkeeping business out of the building. DRMA would like to welcome her to the community.

Guardian Angels

Representatives from the Guardian Angels attended the DRMA meeting. Residents within the community have requested their presence along North 2nd and the neighborhoods along lower Dickerson along with neighborhood schools. The Angels will hold a town meeting February 23rd, 2007 at Cleveland Park Community Center. Western Regional Director, Robert McClintick explained how the group was started in a Bronx neighborhood subway in 1979 when a nighttime manager of McDonalds decided to take a stand against the subway muggers. As he stood up, others joined. The Angels

make their arrests with the tactic of using the least amount of force. Currently the Angels patrol 67 cities and are extremely effective. They recruit local people to patrol the neighborhoods, and if any money is donated by Nashville residents, business owners or corporations the money stays here in Nashville. A complete story will be published on the DRMA web site after the meeting. Please join us for this exciting event.

Please join us for our next meeting on the last Thursday of each month. Next meeting date: March 29th, 2007, at Days Inn Stadium, North 1st Street, Nashville, TN.

Meeting Photos:



