

## Conservation District Ordinance Review Update

June 9, 2014



The discussion for the public. DHL, Preservation Dallas and Old Oak Cliff Conservation League were all in attendance, along with residents from some of the CDs. The Dallas Builders Association and some unhappy residents from Little Forest Hills were also in attendance.

Discussed at the meeting were the topics of “cultural attributes,” the form of the petition and to some extent the preliminary meetings.

On June 19th, we will discuss the remaining issues, including percentages and time limits.

Regarding “cultural attributes,” the consensus on June 5th was that we will use a generic term, like “Physical Features,” instead of architectural or cultural attributes and that term will be broadly defined to include architectural and cultural attributes. On the form of the petition, ZOC and staff seem to be leaning toward a multi-page form with the exact topics to be used to draft the ordinance. Staff is pushing that no topics not listed on the petition can be discussed or incorporated into a final ordinance. Staff is pushing for a lengthy, restrictive and detailed petition, which is the opposite of preservationists want.

It is very important that residents remain engaged during this discussion process. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend the June 19th meeting, or at least consider sending another letter to the CPC and ZOC. It is important to remember that nothing is set in stone yet, and public opinion still counts – especially in large numbers! These are concepts that staff will put in writing, and then ZOC will vote to send it on to the CPC.