

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
North College Park Neighborhood Association
10:00 AM, Saturday, December 6, 2014
Russell's and Sandy's Home
1215 Windsong Trail
Richardson, Texas

Board of Directors:

Directors Present: Russell Bowen, Sandy Bowen, Lynn Neill, Gary Vaughn, Doug Freeman, Dick Rawlings, Mike Petree and John Slaughter(volunteer)

Proceedings:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Russell called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. The meeting included the following agenda items:

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the November 1st Board of Directors Meeting and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS – Gary gave the Financial Report. The current balance is \$6,384.39. A motion was made to approve the Financial Report and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

This total does not include the 2015 invoice from the Boy Scouts for \$180. The existing contract calls for 6 flags to be displayed on particular holidays during the year. There was some discussion about whether to extend the contract to add more flags and/or more days. For now it was agreed to just pay the existing contract. A motion was made to approve the expense and it was seconded and passed unanimously. Payment will bring the current balance to \$6,204.39.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Lynn gave the membership report. The current number of paid members is 99, with 15 paid up through next year.

NEXT EVENT – For February, a Valentines Party was suggested. Several members expressed an interest to explore that possibility.

Janice and Doug are still on for the Spring Celebration. There is an interest in coordinating with the City of Richardson's ground breaking event for new Glenville Park equipment. After some discussion about scheduling, March 21st was selected as the target date.

DISPOSITION OF OLD MEDIAN SIGNS/FRAMES IN STORAGE – Russell suggested disposing of the neighborhood's rusty old metal signs. They were originally for median signs, but are no longer needed. Doug said that he could deliver them to a local scrap metal re-cycler.

2014-2015 SCHEDULE/REMINDER NEXT MEETING – There was some discussion on whether the upcoming Crime Watch Patrol meeting and a recruitment for crime watch event might be combined into a single event with catered food pizza. After some discussion it was decided that the Crime Watch Patrol party would be a separate appreciation event that would include food. Also, the date for the Crime Watch Meeting was changed from January 13 to January 17. The recruitment event would then be included as part of the upcoming All Residents Meeting.

John suggested a USPS mailing as part of the Neighborhood Association's interest in getting all residents involved in the events and activities of the neighborhood. To do this we will need a volunteer to write the Mass market mailing.

The annual All Residents Meeting is planned for the Jess Harben Cafeteria. The date is scheduled for May 12th.

Doug requested that Labor day be put on the schedule with the some type of event to be determined. Russell mentioned his softball game idea as a possible activity.

Lynn suggested that we add a swim party for June.

Sandy will talk with some possible volunteers for about forming a Social Group for any particular party that is planned. That idea is for a single group to handle the details of event planning such as the neighborhood association get together.

TREE THE TOWN - For a neighborhood beautification project, Dick said that he would contact the City of Richardson about the possibility of using the power line right of way field on Spring Valley for an application of the Tree the Town initiative. In the past the power lines have been mentioned as an impediment. However, on the Spring Valley field, it is hard to see the trees causing any trouble with the power lines.

COST OF DUES – Dues are currently \$25 a year. John wondered if they are too high for their value. Among other discussion points, Dick said that if we dropped it to \$10 it wouldn't double the sign ups. After the discussion it was decided not to change the current amount.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – John reported that the December newsletter had a 45% open rate, which is a little lower than usual. This fluctuation is possibly due to the busy Holiday season.

On another newsletter topic, there was some discussion

concerning how to find the best balance between Richardson news in general and North College Park news in particular. In some cases John said that he prefers using hypertext links to interesting, but not North College Park specific, news.

MEETING ADJOURNED – A motion was made to adjourn at 10:52 AM and it was seconded and unanimously approved.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – Following the meeting volunteers assembled to put up the annual Christmas decorations.

The next meeting of the BOD is scheduled for Saturday, January 3rd 2014 at 10:00 AM at Doug's house.

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