

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
North College Park Neighborhood Association
10:00 AM. Saturday, January 4, 2014
Doug's House
1004 Rainbow Drive
Richardson, Texas

Board of Directors:

Directors Present: Russell Bowen, Sandy Bowen, Dick Rawlings, Lynn Neill, Gary Vaughn, Doug Freeman, and Mike Petree

Proceedings:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Russell called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. The meeting included the following agenda items:

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the December 7th Board of Directors Meeting and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ PAY BILLS – Lots of compliments for the new Treasurer's Report format, which is still under development. Gary reported that the only payment since last month was the approved expense of \$180 for the Boy Scouts of America Flag Service. The current balance is \$6,824.47. A motion was made to approve the January 4th Treasury Report and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Lynn reported that there was one new membership added.

CRIME WATCH PATROL – Doug announced that the Crime Watch Recognition and Team Building Party would be at his house on February 8th at 7:00 PM. Invitations will be sent out to the 47 people that patrolled in the last year. RSVP will be requested in order to figure out the amount of refreshments to have on hand. \$100 has already been approved for this event. Doug mentioned that Crime Watch is doing very well in comparison to other neighborhoods in the ratio of crime incidents to number of neighborhood houses.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE – Russell reported that he would contact the people who volunteered to create a hard copy neighborhood newsletter to try and get that project moving. The hope is for a minimum of a two issues a year. There was also a suggestion of sending out the email Neighborhood Newsletter intermittently. After some discussion it was

agreed to keep it monthly.

DISCUSS FUTURE PROJECTS AND EVENTS THAT BEAUTIFY THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND PROMOTE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY – Several different items were discussed. Among them were:

The current Glenville Park project - There are wooden stakes in the ground at the North end of Glenville Park. The City of Richardson is constructing an extension of the Trail that will run the length of the North end of Glenville Park. It should be completed some time in March.

Revenue Neutrality – There is general agreement that the Association should be revenue neutral. That means that the money taken in as dues for a fiscal year should be spent during that same year. This effects the scale of our projects. The City of Richardson will continue to be the prime initiator of neighborhood beautification projects because of the larger amount of resources available. One observation was that our yearly membership dues may be too high. It was also pointed out that larger projects could be budgeted over several years instead of just one.

Honorariums – The policy of paying honorariums for invited speakers at our open meetings was discussed, but at this time no consensus was reached on whether or not we need them.

Spring Valley Beautification - The Spring Valley median might be able qualify for The City of Richardson's 'tree the town' support. Dick said that he would ask Don Magner whether or not that's a possibility.

Scheduling events – It was mentioned that we could support two more neighborhood events each year. We need people to organize them and a reason for people to want to participate. As an example, Russell suggested the possibility of scheduling a softball game.

Thank you notes – In appreciation for the invaluable contributions to the neighborhood, Sandy wrote and mailed out thank you notes to all of the Block Captains and Crime Watch patrollers.

ABOUT TOWN – There was no city council meeting this month.

ADJOURN AND TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – A motion was made to adjourn at 10:45 AM and it was seconded and unanimously approved. Directors then divided into teams in order to go around the neighborhood and take down the Christmas Decorations.

The next meeting of the BOD is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Saturday,

February 1, 2014 at Lynn's house.

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