

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
North College Park Neighborhood Association
10:00AM. Saturday, January 5, 2013
Janice Gromadin's Home
901 Rainbow Drive
Richardson, Texas

Board of Directors:

Directors Present: Dick Rawlings, Doug Freeman, Janice Gromadin, Lynn Neill, Gary Vaughn, Oliver Johnson, Charlie Warner, Mike Petree, Russell Bowen(Advisory) and Walt Gromadin(Advisory)

Proceedings:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the December 1st Board of Directors Working Session. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Also, Lynn reported that the November Minutes were approved by email during the month of December.

TREASURERS REPORT – Gary presented the Treasurers Report with a January 2nd balance of \$5,033.87. Christmas decoration expenses, approved by email, totaled \$134.30. This brought the January 5th balance to \$4,899.57. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and it was passed unanimously.

ALLEY SIGNS - Doug gave an update on the alley signs project. This project has the goal of making custom wood address signs at no cost to the members of the neighborhood that want them. The numbers are engraved with a router and then sanded, painted and varnished. The materials budget for creating the signs was estimated at \$200. Doug noted that apart from the need for the signs to assist neighborhood crime patrols, their construction also helps to build the neighborhood community. Lynn stated that an email will be sent out to the neighborhood to announce the free offer for the alley signs. In addition, corner lots qualify for the inclusion of street names. The emails would also have a reminder that the City of Richardson requires home address numbers be posted in the alley.

A motion was made to approve \$200 for materials for making the alley signs available to the neighborhood and it was passed unanimously.

GARAGE SALE – Following up on last years successful neighborhood garage sale, Doug stated that it was time to make plans for this year. After some discussion, Saturday, April 20th was decided on as a target date. Various advertising approached were mentioned, including using Craig's List, the Richardson Bubble, as well as the NCPNA website.

USE OF LAND ACROSS GLENVILLE AVE. - Dick received an email from Mayor Bob Townsend that there will be a City of Richardson work session on Monday that will include the topic of the land across Glenville Avenue and south of Twin Rivers. This will be a preliminary planning session not a public hearing. The topics will include discussion on whether the improvements to the land across Glenville Avenue will be placed on the long range city development road map. Though no allocation has yet been made, it's not too early for the neighborhood to be involved. There is already a group that would like the area to be developed as a dog park. Among those present there was disagreement as to whether that was the best idea for a park. A walking area that could be used by the Senior Center was also mentioned as a possibility. Some of the parking, traffic and noise issues were also discussed. Dick said, that as a neighborhood organization we should solicit opinions and try to present the outcome as a united front when the time comes for the city to consider what would be the best park design for the location. Dick also said the he would be attending the city working session to help ascertain what the best approach will be to work with the city. He added that when there is an opportunity for public input we need to be ready.

NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL – Oliver inquired whether neighborhood patrol deficiencies might be lessened by using people that are out walking. Doug said that he tries to do that and that bicyclist could also be used. However they would still need the Richardson Police training. Patrol hours should include picking up on any neighborhood issues that arise while patrolling such as stop signs needed and water main leaks. Other situations, such as people with special needs were also mentioned. Also, since safety jackets are no longer supplied, perhaps some crime watch patrol t-shirts could be made to help identify patrollers. These issues may also be addressed by the Crime Watch meeting coming up Tuesday, January the 8th.

GLENVILLE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT – The 2010 City of Richardson bond issue called for the improvement of three city parks. The particular parks were to be determined. While the city parks department is behind schedule because they have been very busy with other commitments, consultants for the city have now been called in to identify which three parks most need improvement. Dick concluded with the observation that Glenville Park would be a good choice.

AROUND TOWN – Dick summarized some of the things going on around town. There is an upcoming meeting for staff members of home owner associations. The Heights Recreation Center is closed until the new one opens in May. There will be a ribbon cutting session at the new 16,000 square foot city Gymnasium. There is work being done to extend the walking and biking trail along the Dart line. Plans are to continue south to Restland. The City of Dallas is working to extend their trail north from Cotton Wood and could eventually join up with the Richardson Trail.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUNKO GROUP - Janice suggested that the neighborhood Bunko Group be an official group of the Association. A motion was made in favor, seconded and unanimously approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED – A motion was made to adjourn at 11:12AM and it was seconded and unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the BOD is scheduled for Saturday, February 2nd.

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