

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
North College Park Neighborhood Association  
10:00 AM. Saturday, November 2, 2013  
Janice's and Walt's Home  
901 Rainbow Drive  
Richardson, Texas

**Board of Directors:**

Directors Present: Russell Bowen, Sandy Bowen, Dick Rawlings, Lynn Neill, Doug Freeman, Janice Gromadin, Walt Gromadin, and Mike Petree

**Proceedings:**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Russell called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The meeting included the following agenda items:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Russell suggested an edit to the wording of the Addendum section of the Draft Minutes and pointed out a misspelled name. A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 21<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting subject to the mentioned editorial changes and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

WEBSITE UPDATE – Board Minutes are now updated on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT – There was no treasurer's report this month. A new format is in the works that will be presented at the next meeting. There is interest in a column for year-to-date totals. Also there is interest in ways to clarify cost of individual projects.

EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS – No expense allocations introduced during the meeting. (See the addendum for a holiday decoration allocation made after the meeting.)

FINAL UPDATE FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – Janice said that everyone has been re-reimbursed for expenses. There was a general discussion on the pros and cons of group neighborhood participation for NNO. At least 18 people signed in from our neighborhood and Sandy estimated the total number present from our neighborhood at 22.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Lynn reported 86 members responded to the Neighborhood Membership Drive, including 19 who paid into next year. There was agreement that a membership expired notice could be sent out. Lynn said that an email with appropriate tone had already been written.

BOOSTER SIGNS – Russell gave an inventory of booster signs. There are 60 plain signs and 10 with the 9/10/11 date on them. There was some question on whether the dated ones could be used. A suggestion was made that the date, which is on the bottom of the signs, could just be cut off. There are also 34 poles. Lynn noted that there are ten new signs needed for residents that were not members last year and that seven were completely new. Members that have requested updates for their signs are to be informed that the Association no longer supports the yearly date additions.

Dick ask if we need “Renew Membership” signs for the medians that could just say “Membership Drive.” Russell said that he will try to get that done.

SIGNUP FOR MEETING SCHEDULE HOSTS AND EVENT LEADERS– Dick signed up for Christmas Decorations, but may need to change the date from December 7<sup>th</sup>. Janice will take the lead for th Spring Celebration with help from Walt.

SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES EVENT – While the neighborhood turnout was not as good as expected this event was a good idea for something different.

NEW PROJECTS DISCUSSION – There is general agreement that the Association needs to direct its resources to the development of new projects. Some suggestions that were discussed include the following:

Improve the landscaping on the part of Spring Valley that is not across from Jess Harben. In 2009 the cost for that improvement was estimated at a total of \$16,000. That cost would be split evenly between the city and the neighborhood association.

Add more trees to the trail. The City of Richardson project, “tree the town,” is still in operation.

Paint house numbers on curbs. That could be done for about \$10 a residence.

Hire night patrollers. Perhaps they could be off duty policemen. Doug mentioned that we need more patrollers at night because night time car burglaries are up.

Print up a quality newsletter. Russell mentioned that there was interest in a hard copy newsletter that would increase the visuability of the neighborhood association.

Add sign toppers for the corners that don't have them. Since the design is in the system, new signs would avoid the set up costs.

Pay for professional speakers at all-residents meetings. Topics suggested include drought tolerant landscaping and information about installing rain barrels.

Put on a talent show. Russell mentioned that talent shows would be a good way to get residents to participate in a neighborhood event.

CRIME WATCH PATROL REPORT – We still need more patrollers. 38 people are active and 17 to 24 volunteer each month. Even though we need more patrollers, especially at night, Doug said that the City of Richardson considers our Crime Watch Patrol the best crime watch patrol in the city.

ARROUND TOWN – The Parks and Recreation Office of the City of Richardson will present the final plan for the Twin Rivers/Glenville field improvement on November the 4<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Russell said that he would attend.

THANK YOU LETTERS – Sandy has taken on the task of writing the number of thank you notes that were agreed upon during the last meeting. A draft form was handed out for editorial suggestions.

BLOCK CAPTAINS – The 25 residences on the South side of Spring Valley and both sides of South Boswer Road still need a block captain.

MEETING ADJOURNED – A motion was made to adjourn at 11:15 AM and it was seconded and unanimously approved.

ADDENDUM –To encourage the neighborhood to get festive for the holidays the board approved by email, on November 25, 2013, \$95 for cash awards for a neighborhood Christmas decorating contest. The vote was 7 for and none against. The awards were broken into three categories: \$50 for first place, \$25 second, and two Honorable Mention awards of \$10 each.

The next meeting of the BOD is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, 2013 at 10:00 AM. at Sandy and Russell Bowen's house.

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