

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
North College Park Neighborhood Association  
10:00AM. Saturday, September 8, 2012  
Mike Petree's Home  
1214 Serenade Lane  
Richardson, Texas

**Board of Directors:**

Quorum of Directors Present: Dick Rawlings, Janice Gromadin, Gary Vaughn, Lynn Neill, Mike Petree, Oliver Johnson and Russell Bowen(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 August 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting and it was passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT – Gary presented the Treasurers Report with a starting balance of \$3,718.59. Income from membership fees and bank interest was \$1,216.03. Approved expenses the Spring Event and for the Independence Event totaled \$377.92. The income and expenses bring the September 7<sup>th</sup> balance to \$4,556.70. At the August meeting, due to printer problems, a motion to approve the July Treasurer's report was postponed. As a result a motion was made to approve both the July and August Treasurer's report and it was passed unanimously.

EXPENSE ALLOCATIONS – A motion was made to reimburse Russell a total of \$67.91 for copying flyers and it was passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – Lynn gave an update on the results of the membership drive. There are currently 79 paid memberships. This number breaks down to 63 repeaters, 12 new, and 4 who are re-registering but did not register last year. An email reminder will be sent out to those who have not yet registered.

A discussion about the booster signs followed. It was generally agreed that the numbers specifying the particular years of membership were a mistake. Moving forward, the new signs will not have the numbers. A possibility for the existing signs would be to cover the years with a star or something that blends in with the sign.

It was then mentioned that members could just get a booster sign and not renew the following year. The counter point was made that it was better for neighborhood awareness if the signs were ubiquitous, even if they were not necessarily a good indicator of whether or not they indicated current paid membership.

BLOCK PARTY UPDATE – There was a general discussion of the merits of live verses recorded music. Several musicians and genres were mentioned. Russell indicated that he would get the musical act scheduled. Up to 300 dollars was allocated last meeting for that purpose.

NNO (NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT)- Janice gave an update on the annual NNO preparations. This event is a joint effort of College Park, North College Park, Glenville Park, and Town North Park II Neighborhood Associations. Volunteers are still needed. Items that still haven't been rounded up were mentioned. Also, it was emphasized that canned goods would be collected for the homeless shelter and that everyone is encouraged to bring something. Lynn will be in charge of setting up the membership table. The next organization meeting will be September the 18<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out with the specifics of the meeting.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS – A number of newsletter items were suggested, including the block party announcement, a plea for crime watch, the downtown Richardson redevelopment project, and maybe the status of the bridge project. It was also suggested to present the contact information for the appropriate the City of Richardson office to request any needed damage repair caused by the extensive work done to replace the sidewalks. It was also brought up that there might be general conversation in the future about what should be in the newsletter in order to assist in coming up with ideas.

WEB SITE – Lynn said that next meeting we should have a discussion about updating the website. In the following discussion, Dick mentioned some of the characteristics of the software.

CITY NEWS UPDATE – We're now legal! Dick mentioned that there was a new legality for median neighborhood signs that are used to announce various neighborhood events during the year. In the past, median signs were not allowed and there was no exception for neighborhood associations.

Also mentioned were suggestions for nominations for Community Revitalization Awards. These are due by Sept 22.

Other city news included the city's purchase of Continental Inn as an aid to development, the rehab of the West Spring Valley tunnel to Coit, and, in our own neighborhood, the news that bridge enhancement project will start in about 90 days.

Dick also pointed out the success of the petition that will put a vote for the direct election of the Mayor of the City of Richardson on the November ballot.

The neighborhood traffic pole program is now making allowances for maintaining stop sign structures for neighborhoods that are interested.

Methodist Hospital has broken ground at Renner and the George Bush Tollway for an acute care hospital which is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2014.

MEETING ADJOURNED – A Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 11:15 AM and was passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the BOD is scheduled for Saturday, November the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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