

Annual Open Meeting Minutes  
North College Park Neighborhood Association  
2:00 PM. Sunday, June 23, 2013  
Twin Rivers Senior Living Center  
201 S. Glenville Drive  
Richardson, Texas

**Board of Directors Present:**

Directors Present: Dick Rawlings, Doug Freeman, Lynn Neill, Janice Gromadin, Mike Petree, and Russell Bowen(Advisory)

**Presentations:**

PUBLIC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Dick called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM. The presentation included the following agenda items:

THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NCPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – A special thanks to Betty Verhalen, John Slaughter, Oliver Johnson, and Charlie Warner for their efforts as members of the last years Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT– Lynn indicated that there were 124 dues paying members. That number has been increased by eight since last year.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – Janice announced that there was currently \$5,144.86 dollars in the treasury. For those interested in more detail, the Treasury Reports are available on the NCPNA website.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Janice made a call for more new ideas to create neighborhood subgroups. Among the suggestions was a wine tasting group. Also volunteers are still needed for Yard of the Month.

OVERVIEW OF THE 2012/2013 YEAR – Dick reviewed some of the highlights from last year including 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Picnic, National Night Out last October, Spring Celebration, and the Live Music Yard Party. Other benefits included the successful Sign Toppers project. Also completed this year was the bridge improvement at Glenville and Windsong. Also, the neighborhood newsletter and web site continued to provide useful neighborhood news and information during the year. In addition, attendees were encouraged to take a look at social media site Nextdoor.com. It is for posts to and from the neighborhood and

is also used by the City of Richardson for alerts.

CRIME WATCH PATROL – Doug reviewed the history and went over the improving crime watch statistics of the Crime Watch Patrol. A background check and four hours of training are all that are needed needed to participate. We're still looking to reach greater than 30 patrol hours per month.

FREE ALLEY SIGNS – The attractive wooden alley signs with house numbers have been a big success. Among other things, they help with the crime watch patrols. Contact Doug to request your free alley sign.

ELECTION OF THE 2013/2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS – After announcing the candidates and asking for nominations from the floor the following were elected unanimously to serve on the NCPNA Board for the 2013/2014 fiscal year:

- Russell Bowen
- Sandy Bowen
- Janice Gromadin
- Walt Gromadin
- Doug Freeman
- Mike Petree
- Dick Rawlings
- Lynn Neill
- Gary Vaughn

UPDATE ON RICHARDSON FIRE STATION #4 – Dick pointed out that the Richardson Fire Station #4 moved to Huffines and that the new location has improved response times to our neighborhood. The ribbon cutting ceremony for this LEED certified building is scheduled for August.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST – Dick review some items of interest to the neighborhood.

For now stage three water restrictions will remain in force. They may be lowered to stage two in the fall, but it is certain that they will never go back to stage one.

After consideration by the City of Richardson Parks Department, Glenville Park is not in the top four for the playground revitalizing under the currently active bond package. Parties interested in having it as a priority in the next city bond package should contact the parks department.

A US 75 Corridor Study is being undertaken by the Texas Department of Transportation. Design decisions will have a large impact on Richardson. Public meetings will be scheduled through 2015. For those interested in the Richardson's City Council's "Guiding

Principles for US 75 Reconstruction” access the City of Richardson web site.

The new Heights Recreation center is now open and is getting favorable notices. Also notable is the Family Aquatic Center opened across from it.

The City of Richardson has added strobe lights to the siren towers that are used for severe weather warnings.

Every three years, the City of Richardson reviews the juvenile curfew law. The 2014-2017 extension is now under review.

The new Methodist Medical Facility at Renner is scheduled to open in June 2014. The facility will include an emergency room.

UPDATE ON TWIN RIVERS FIELD – Dick presented an update on the Development of the Twin Rivers field. The six acre field was donated to the City of Richardson for development as a park. At this time the development is moving to the Master Plan for Parks, which is a ten year plan. As progress is made, there will be public meetings scheduled to consider the options that are being considered. Although no decisions are planned anytime soon, NCPNA will continue to keep the neighborhood up with any developments.

JULY 4<sup>th</sup> PARADE AND PICNIC – Volunteers needed for the upcoming Saturday event. Meet at 8 AM Saturday at Glenville Park.

BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED – Russell stated the need for three additional block captains. Areas are Kenshire Lane, East Serenade, and the twenty five homes South of Spring Valley.

CLOSE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING – At 3:40 PM Dick called the meeting to a close.