

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
North College Park Neighborhood Association
10:00 AM, Saturday, February 7, 2015
Mike's Home
1214 Serenade Lane
Richardson, Texas

Board of Directors:

Directors Present: Russell Bowen, Sandy Bowen, Janice Gromadin, Walt Gromadin, Doug Freeman, Dick Rawlings, Mike Petree, and John Slaughter(volunteer)

Proceedings:

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the January 3rd Board of Directors Meeting and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS – Standing in for Gary, Mike gave the Financial Status Report. The February 7th balance is \$5,859.85. Reported expenses included \$75 for gift certificates for the Crime Watch Recognition Party and \$185.92 for catering for the same event. Revenue included \$0.58 for bank interest. A motion was made to approve the Financial Report and it was seconded and approved unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

SPRING CELEBRATION – The 21st of March Spring Celebration is on track. Since the installation of the new playground equipment will be completed by then, there was some discussion about a possible tie-in with the City of Richardson's Opening Ceremony. The new playground equipment is a nice addition to the neighborhood and Russell suggested that it would be a good idea to send a thank you letter to the City Council for providing it.

APRIL 18TH TRASH BASH – The City of Richardson is sponsoring a Trash Bash that includes opportunities for re-cycling and neighborhood clean up. There will also be free compost handed out. There was general agreement that it would be a good event for the the Association to participate in. Volunteers are to meet at City Hall

at 10 AM and divide into groups. Sandy said that she will attempt to recruit neighborhood volunteers to get a team going that will focus on Glenville Park. John suggested that we should send out an email blast around April 15th to publicize the event.

MAY 2nd NEIGHBORHOODS GARAGE SALE – Last year this event was somewhat disappointing. There weren't enough sellers for the bargain hunters. To do better this year we will need more effective publicity. John suggested including the event on the neighborhood events announcement flyer. As an aside, he suggested using ½ card stock for the flyers that are delivered by the Boy Scouts.

ALL RESIDENTS MEETING IN MAY – Russell said that we need some good guest speakers. John mentioned the possibility of a drip irrigation seminar. Walt mentioned that we need to schedule the speakers last on the program. That way, the time allowed for the 'Question and Answer' section can be more flexible than last year.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY FOR NCP – Dick announced that we was participating in the Little Free Library program sponsored by the Friends of Richardson Public Library. He will get a kit to assemble that will then be placed in his front yard. It is basically a big decorative box on a pole. The way it works is that when you take a book out, you put in another one. These are appearing in various neighborhoods around the city and there is some curiosity about how they will work out. More information, including pictures, is available on the City of Richardson [Friends of the Library](#) website.

CWP TRAINING/UPDATING TELEPHONE #'S – There is a Crime Watch Patrol program on March 11th from 10 AM until 2 PM. The upcoming flyer could be used to encourage sign-ups. There was some discussion about how to fill in the missing resident phone numbers. Janice pointed out that the Crime Watch Patrol listing indicates “no numbers” for missing phone numbers. Other suggestions for keeping the list updated were also discussed.

Russell asked whether there was still interest in a postal mailing. The neighborhood mailing list, which was started years ago using library cross indexes, needs to constantly be updated. The responses could help fill in missing and incomplete information. It would also be another way to help residents be aware of the benefits of participating in the North College Neighborhood Association.

CITY COUNCIL/NA'S/HOA'S MEETING – The Richardson City Council meets with the presidents of the Home Owner Associations and Neighborhood Association the third Tuesday every month. Russell reported on some of the highlights of the January 20th Meeting.

The City recommended developing a new Public Art Master Plan. This is partly in recognition of the sustained interest citizens have

demonstrated concerning the value of public art. The idea is that the development of a plan for public art will serve as an inspiration as well as an indication of the cultural diversity and creativity in Richardson.

On January 5th the City Council approved a rezoning plan as part of the Main Street and Central Expressway Rezoning Initiative. The City stated that the new rezoning “opens the door for more urban-style, mixed-use projects.” To follow up on the considerable interest in the initiative, the City has created a [rezoning web site](#).

The Council is actively developing new group home regulations. Group homes are a developing trend that use private residences for people who cannot live with their families or have chronic disabilities. The City Council will have an open meeting for public input before the new regulations are finalized.

MEETING ADJOURNED – A motion was made to adjourn at 10:55 AM and it was seconded and unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the BOD is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Gary's house.

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