

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
North College Park Neighborhood Association
10:00 AM, Saturday, November 26, 2016
Russell's and Sandy's Home
1215 Windsong Trail
Richardson, Texas

Board of Directors:

Present: Russell Bowen, Sandy Bowen, Pete Catalina, Janice Gromadin, Walt Gromadin, Caryl Knapp, Dick Rawlings, John Slaughter, Phyllis Slaughter, and Mike Petree.

Proceedings:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Russell called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. The meeting included the following agenda items:

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5TH, 2016 BOARD MEETING – The Draft Minutes from the November 5th Board of Directors Meeting was offered for review. A motion made to approve the Minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT/PAY BILLS – Pete presented the The November 26th Treasurer's Report. The balance was \$5,243.64. Income included \$50 for two memberships. Expenses since the November 5th balance included an approved \$30 for Crime Watch Patrol gift certificates.

2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Russell presented an update on the Membership Drive. As of November 26th there were 89 paid memberships.

CRIME WATCH PATROL UPDATE– Crime Watch Patrol is one on the most important parts of the NCPNA agenda and its effectiveness depends on the number of patrols. To increase the current level of participation John suggested calling inactive registered members to encourage them to actively patrol. So that no one would have to make more than a few calls, the names to call could be divided up among current active patrollers.

PARK BENCH ON THE GLENVILLE TRAIL-John presented an update. The collaboration with the City of Richardson to put a park bench at the southwest entrance to the neighborhood where the Bike Trail runs into Bowser is still in the works. John said that the options for the type of bench, and their cost, will be presented at the next meeting.

DONATIONS POLICY DISCUSSION – Russell lead a discussion on the Association's donation policy. The question he raised is where do you draw the line between the donation policy and the mission of the Association. Generally the donation policy has curtailed using membership fees for making charitable donations. Walt mentioned that donations to the neighborhood school should be allowed and said that we're lost if we can't do that. Dick mentioned problems with donations to individuals.

John said that the neighborhood can help in a number of ways without providing money. He mentioned providing support and organizing volunteers. Dick said that it was not our function to be a charitable foundation. He also said that he didn't mind supporting Jess Harben because the school is part of the neighborhood. As a result of the discussion, a motion was made to allow donations to organizations in the neighborhood if it is approved by a meeting of the board members. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

In talking about what we need to have the money in the treasury for, Pete said that we need an annual budget. He then volunteered to put a draft of one together.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS – December 15th is the day that is set for the annual judging of the holiday lights display. For the awarded gift certificates and refurbishing the neighborhood decorations a motion was made to approve a budget of \$150.00. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

SEASONS GREETING EMAIL TO OUR RESIDENTS – Russell presented a draft of the Season Greeting email to be sent out. A suggestion was made to add more pictures. There is interest in making it a season's greeting and as a succinct summary of NCPNA benefits. Caryl said the theme should be "your neighborhood association at work." Copies will be sent out to board members for editing suggestions before the January 7th meeting.

UPDATE MEETINGS/EVENTS CALENDAR AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY – Sandy passed around the latest Planning Calendar and Supplies Inventory List for comments and updates.

MEETING ADJOURNED – At 10:53 AM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. After the meeting everyone divided into groups and went out to put up holiday decorations in the neighborhood.

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

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