



**WHNA**

*Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association*

**August 8, 2016**

**Liberty Junior High**

**7:00p.m.**

## **WHNA Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:01 p.m.

**President's Report-** Ron Galloway announced the September Board Meeting/Annual Member's Meeting will be held on September 19, 2017 at 7pm at Liberty JHS. Paid 2016 members are able to vote at this meeting. 3 notices of the meeting will be sent out by email, nextdoor, and Facebook. Blast emails will be sent out within the next week asking neighbors to nominate volunteers to serve on the 2017 Board of Directors. A meeting reminder notice will be sent 10 days before the September meeting.

**Secretary's Report** – Crystal Hughes was unable to attend; Holt Mitchell recorded the meeting minutes. The July Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mary Walraven- Beginning balance was \$14,527.81. An agreement was reached with the city on the water bill. The city credited \$105.42, which will be applied to one of the two water meters at the south entrance. The credit will cover about 18 months of one of the meter's bill. The water bill for the month of July was \$5.12 for the other meter. Other expenses included the WHNA email system for \$9.00 and \$160 for mowing of the Lawler wall area. The ending balance for July was \$14,353.69.

**Safety/VIP Program** –Mike Gorman reported that criminal reports are down for the month of July; down from 21 reports to 7 incidents reported by neighbors.

Illegal dumping has been taking place at the Lawler wall. The City allows for citizens to call either 911 or 311 to report illegal dumping.

License plate cameras were discussed. The Reconyx License Plate Reader has a protective dome, which is lockable. The price for the reader is \$699.99, with the dome costing an additional \$149.99. Mike was looking to place the camera at the Lawler wall. Concerns raised by Mike about the reader included its short ground stake, 12 inches, making it unsecure, and the possibility of it being smashed. Concern was raised by the Board about the camera not being movable and the possibility of the camera being easily stolen. The license plate reader was ruled out, due to the high cost and likelihood of the reader being stolen.

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Discussion shifted to the possibility of installing the security cameras nearby Richland Park Estates uses, which were looked at by the 2013 Blassingame Board. Mike indicated these cameras would be too low of a resolution to see a license plate clearly. Mike stated that due to the traffic coming through our neighborhood on Whispering Hills Drive has likely helped keeping our crime rate low, as the cars have an increased visibility of activities taking place in our neighborhood.

Installing more crime signs was also discussed, in order to deter illegal dumping and other illegal activities. The Board approved \$100 for Mike to order more security signs.

**Member-at-Large**- Lynn Peltier obtained an estimate from neighbor Jim Breau on removing 3 trees along the west alley wall which are causing damage to the wall.

The bids are as follows:

To cut down clean up and haul off the whole 3 trees: \$885.00

To cut them down, chip up the branches, and leave the trunks lay by the west side of the fence. \$685.00

To cut them down, making them fall on the other side of the fence and just let them lay. \$320.00

Neighbors raised concerns that the tree trunks could be used as a step by people climbing over the wall. Jim will be emailed what action can be taken to cut the trunks.

Lynn also obtained received an updated bid on the cost of a new monument at the north entrance. The bids are as follows:

1st bid based on image of a monument- \$8,329.87

2nd bid based on schematics presented at the July meeting- \$18,475.00

Option 3- \$7,329.87 (Different Design)

Lynn will work on obtaining bids from other companies on a north entrance monument.

Estimates have been received for the south entrance sprinkler repairs and landscaping. The bids are as follows:

Sprinklers-\$2,200

Landscaping-\$2,893.70

Ron and Lynn will be getting other bids on the irrigation

Lynn has been in contact with the City about U-turns taking place near Walnut. The City placed a camera and recorded the number of U-turners on August 5. The City is still processing through the footage, and has requested a 3 year accident study.

Discussion took place on refreshing the photos on the WHNA website. Neighbors recommended adding photos of Dine-Out events, Yard of the Month, and a photo of the Volunteer in Patrol cars.

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An email was received from a neighbor concerning an increase of semi-truck cabs parking over night at the Walnut Street shopping center, southwest corner of Walnut/Audelia, overnight. The situation will be watched and the city will be notified of the overnight parking taking place.

**Social and Dine Out** – The next dine out will be held on August 16, at Tuscany Italian Bistro, starting at 6:30pm.

**Meeting was adjourned** – at 8:03 p.m.

Holt Mitchell, Vice President  
Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association

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<u>TREASURER'S REPORT - July, 2016</u>		
July 1, 2016 Bank Statement Beginning Bank Balance:		\$14,527.81
Income:		\$0.00
Expenses:		\$174.12
- City of Dallas Water	5.12	
- Campaign Monitor	9.00	
- Roger Sosa (South Wall Lawn Maintenance)	160.00	
<b>Bank Balance Per July 29, 2016 Bank Statement</b>		<b><u>\$14,353.69</u></b>
City of Dallas Water applied \$5.12 of outstanding credit		
balance to account #100358039. Remaining credit amount		
is \$95.18		

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Photos of damage trees are causing to alley wall

