

# Whispering Hills



**WHNA**

*Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association*

**February 12, 2015**

**Liberty Junior High School**

**7:00p.m.**

## **WHNA Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:15 p.m.

**Membership Committee** - Sonia Harms – 2015 Membership Drive – 121 members so far, goal is 225 members. Jay Harris volunteered to go door to door on Lawler and Jennifer, and David Blassingame volunteered to cover Deermont, Deer Run, Echo Ridge, and Panther Ridge. Volunteers are needed to cover other streets.

**Treasurer's Report** - Rich Harms – Finance Report – \$14,000 in the bank. No new expenses to report. Full report will be available at end of Q1 2015.

**Whispering Hills NPO-** Officer Josh Cooper – Recent Police Activity – Josh was unable to attend.

Murray Morgan, President of LHAIA, did report that crime at nearby apartments is down 16% this year, also mentioning that the crime rate of the single-family neighborhoods in Lake Highlands north of IH-635 is lower than the Park Cities.

**Secretary's Report** - Holt Mitchell - Approval of November Meeting Minutes and January Agenda Planning Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

**Social and Dine Out** – Claudia Bankston

Dine Outs will be on February 24<sup>th</sup> at El Chico (US 75 and Spring Valley Road), March 19<sup>th</sup> at Aboca's, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Red Lobster, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Spring Creek BBQ, and June 23 at Varsity Grill.

**Safety Committee-VIP Program** - Joe Grigalunas

Two break-ins occurred in January. Joe advised that residents should be on watch for an old black 4 door Mazda sedan that is suspected in robberies from pickup trucks. Morgan Meadow and Rita alley are still having issues with vandalism from people walking alleyway. New magnetic signs, about 8 sets, are needed for VIP cars; the current signs are old and falling off the cars. Purchase of metal crime watch signs have been put on hold, as the neighborhood already has so many.

**New Efforts:** Trap Neuter Release program for feral cats- Claudia Bankston  
Trap Neuter Release program for feral cats has been created by a couple of neighbors. Feral cats will be trapped, transported to a veterinarian the next morning to be spayed/neutered, and will be returned to area where trapped. A donation of \$30 per cat is required in order for vets to spay/neuter cats. The overall goal is to stop the growth of the feral cat population, while simultaneously keeping the cats around to stop new feral cats from moving in the area and repopulating. Feral cats can't be trapped when temperatures are below 40 degrees and they must be transported to veterinarian the morning after they are trapped. 2 Colonies have been identified. Volunteers are needed to put out feeders along with trap and transport the cats to a veterinarian. Claudia asked if WHNA would donate \$200 to the cause. David Blassingame made a motion, Jay Harris seconded; Donation was approved, provided that there is accountability.

**Special Guest** –Murray Morgan –LHAIA President

District 10 city council elections are in May. Two candidates are currently running, Adam McGough, former Chief of Staff for Mayor Mike Rawlings, and Paul Reyes, who worked as an attorney for Associa and John Carona. Date will be set soon for neighbors to meet the candidates before the election. LHAIA will sponsor a debate between the candidates on April 13, location TBD. IH-635 expansion from US 75 to IH-30 has been fast-tracked and has an estimated start date of Summer 2016 and will be completed by 2021. Will include new Skillman/Audelia iconic bridge, frontage roads and sound walls. Lake Highlands PID will be expanded to Forest-Audelia this year, and will include Walnut-Audelia in coming years.

**Civic Interest** - Carol Tobias – Researching possibility of neighborhood block party in future.

**News Letter** - Sonia Harms – New Content Suggestions- No new suggestions.

**Caring Neighbor Network** – Need a new Leader – Looking for volunteers to chair.

**Continuing Efforts** –South and North Entrances– Property lines are being checked at north entrance to see if there is enough room available to landscape.

**Neighborhood Beautification** - Jay Harris – Oncor will prune trees that interfere with power lines.

Holt Mitchell- Around 50 requests, only concerning missing/faded signs and road markings, along with potholes, have been put in with city. A list of requests was given to neighbors at the meeting. New signs are being fabricated, road markings will be repainted in the coming months, and most potholes have been repaired.

**Neighborhood Safety** - David Blassingame, Carol Tobias, Holt Mitchell –Speeding on Whispering Hills Drive and Lawler Road

Holt Mitchell has been working with Dallas Streets Department on solutions to speeding in the neighborhood. Bike lanes are being looked at as a possibility for Whispering Hills Drive, as the narrower lanes would encourage drivers to slow speeds, while providing a

safe area for residents and students to ride bikes. Residents on Whispering Hills Drive would still be able to park on the road. Holt made a motion for approval for the continuation of researching and developing a design plan with the city for the possibility of bike lanes on Whispering Hills Drive, was seconded by Jay Harris.

**Upcoming Events**- Dates of Board Meetings- The next meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Aboca's, along with the dine out.

**Adjourn:** 8:49pm

Holt Mitchell, Secretary

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