

Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association

WHNA Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2015

Location: Liberty Junior High School

Call to Order: 7:15 PM

Secretary's Report - Holt Mitchell was absent. June minutes were approved as published in Next Door.

Treasurer's Report - Rich Harms – Finance Report – We have \$14,886 in the bank. Recent expenses include \$300 for directories and \$546 YTD for the storage area. We also spent \$150 for a filing to close Deermont Trail (non-refundable). Rich said they are paring down the membership email list for accuracy.

Whispering Hills NPO- Officer Josh Cooper– Recent Police Activity – Crime in Whispering Hills is down for the 4th year in a row and has dropped 60% in that time. Additional Friendship Park patrols have been added due to neighborhood feedback.

When calling 911 about drug activity, fights, or a suspicious person, always use the term “suspicious person”, as police will respond faster.

Safety Committee-VIP Program – Mike Gorman- Mike reports we have 6 new VIP's that have been added to the 10 existing patrollers. He reports we have had 1 B&E of an unlocked car. VIP's are also getting additional magnetic signs for the new patrollers. Mike noted that Next Door also has a VIP area. Everyone was encouraged to look it up and join. There will be a VIP appreciation ice cream party at Carol Tobias' house on August 9th at 3:00 PM.

Neighborhood Safety-Jay Harris reported that the squatters in the house on Rita had been evicted by NPO Josh Cooper. There are new stop signs at the intersection of Lawler and Whispering Hills. The Board voted to add red reflective tape to those signs to make them more noticeable.

Social and Dine Out-Jay Harris - Next dine out will take place at The Black Eyed Pea on July 23rd.

Neighborhood Beautification- We need to discuss what could be done to upgrade the North and South entrances to Whispering Hills.

Membership Report - Jay noted we need to attract younger members to the association.

New Business- Cecil Rhodes spoke about the TNR program (Trap, Neuter, Release). He noted the City of Dallas had started a TNR program in March of 2015. There was a hand out that explained the details of how TNR trapped feral cats, spayed or neutered them, and then released them back into the same area they were trapped. Susie Leinneweber said that once a colony of cats were neutered they wouldn't allow additional feral cats into the colony. Once the cats are released back into the neighborhood there is a continuous feeding program for the cats. So far TNR had processed 37 cats. 17 were located at 12606 Whispering Hills. The TNR group was asking for funding to continue

the program from the WHNA.

Questions that came from the board were:

Was it was a single donation or were they looking for continued funding for the program?

Would it be considered a donation or a fee.

Is TNR considered a charitable group?

Is TNR actually effective at limiting nuisance cats?

Would the WHNA be liable for the action of the cats after they were re-released?

Action on the request was tabled. The board wanted to investigate further before they committed association funds to the effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Minutes taken by David Blassingame