



WHNA

Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association

June 13, 2016

Liberty Junior High School

7:00p.m.

WHNA Board Meeting

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by President Ron Galloway

Vice-President's Report – Holt Mitchell gave an update on the 10 Ideas for Improving our Neighborhood.

1. Having entrances and exits cut in the median on Walnut is being studied by the city. Hopefully our city councilman can get the money for this construction in the bond package.
2. The security cameras at Lawler and Whispering Hills are under RISD control. WHNA cannot have access to the videos without it being costly.
3. Lynn and Holt have gotten bids on new walls at the north and south entrances. They will be getting more bids since the bids received are more than what WHNA can afford, especially for the wall at the north entrance. They will be getting bids on a wall that will be shorter and mid-size which should not be so costly.
4. Membership cards have been issued.
5. New crime watch signs have been purchased and installed to help protect our neighborhood. Purchasing body cameras for our VIP volunteers is being discussed as an aid during patrols.
6. Planting trees along Whispering Hills at Liberty's fence line is not possible due to City of Dallas water lines in the same area.
7. There has not been a volunteer to undertake the job of being the point person to handle code violations by neighbors.
8. William Elliott has taken on the job to monitor the surrounding apartments. He has volunteered to work with the apartment owners to help reduce crime by having them take action against the worst offenders.
9. Holt Mitchell gave a presentation to Councilman McGough regarding the closing of Deermont to Garland. Hopefully this will help with the stalemate of the one resident in Garland that will not sign the petition. Alternative measures are being investigated.
10. Bids for the painting and power washing of the alley wall from Lawler to Walnut have been obtained. More bids will be forth coming to compare costs.

Secretary's Report – Crystal Hughes asked if there were any corrections to May's minutes posted on the website. Upon hearing of no corrections to the minutes, approval was requested. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Walraven gave a report for May. There were several expenses with the largest being the water bill. WHNA received a large bill due to the sprinklers being left on for a long period of time. Mary has spoken with the city and filed an appeal to have the bill adjusted. Dallas Water Utilities will make a determination by checking the usage for the next 3 months. Since the water has been disconnected, it is expected that the city may be willing to adjust the bill. The board is working on getting an estimate of the cost of repairing the sprinkler system. Another expense was the crime watch signs costing \$286. The new balance for May is \$14,641.93.

Safety/VIP Program – Mike Gorman reported that there were 19 comments made on NextDoor in the month of May. Most of the activity reported on NextDoor was not reported to the police. So far, there has only been 1 incident reported for the month of June. DPD has had 12 reports for 2016. NextDoor has had 91 incidents reported for this year. Mike has gotten 50% of the volunteers needed to do the crime watch mini-sector coverage in the neighborhood. These volunteers will be looking out for any unusual activities on their streets. The VIPs have 821 patrol hours for 2016. Recently there were unlawful activities happening at Friendship Park. A large group gathered at the park for a pre-concert party. The concert was held at Murphy's Club on Forest Lane. Mike reported that this concert has been held every year since 2012. He will get in touch with the parks department next year before the concert so the department will be on the alert to a party being held without a permit. The parks department had to do a big clean up job the next day after the concert. Mike advised that there are still break-ins of neighbors' motor vehicles taking place. The banners for national night out have been ordered and received.

Social and Dine Out – Since Paulette Standefer was absent Holt reported that the next dine out will be on June 21st at Venezia.

Elections and Voting – Susie Leineweber reported that our precinct 1027 does not have an upcoming election. Our next election will be in November. Susie will notify when early voting will begin before the election.

Grounds and Park – The May yard of the month is 10232 Cimmaron Trail.

President Ron Galloway asked if there is any new business to discuss. Since there was none, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned – at 7:40pm

Crystal Hughes, Secretary of Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association