



## **WHNA**

*Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association*

**October 10, 2016**

**Liberty Junior High School**

**7:00p.m.**

### **WHNA Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** by President Ron Galloway

**Guest Speakers** – T. J. and Dancella from City of Dallas Recycle informed the members at the meeting that acceptable recycling is paper, plastic, metal, cardboard, cartons and glass.

The city is trying for zero waste by urging reuse, recycle and conservation.

The city offers residential recycling by the blue bins that it gives free of charge to residents. Residents only need to dial 311 to request a bin or they can go to the city's website [www.dallasrecycles.com](http://www.dallasrecycles.com). The city also offers composting programs, community drop-off sites, electronics recycling, household hazardous waste collection sites and commercial recycling. The community drop-off sites are for apartment residents so that they can recycle. The website has a map that shows where the sites are located.

There are 4 drop-off stations for electronic recycling. Accepted items are cell phones, laptops, computers, printers and televisions. There are 2 composting seminars given in a year. One in the spring and one in fall. The household hazardous waste collection stations accept batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze and household grease. The closest station to us is on Plano Road.

A question was asked about tires and the guest speakers replied that 4 tires can be taken to the recycling centers twice a year. There will be an electronic roundup recycling event at Richland College on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Secretary's Report** – Crystal Hughes reported a correction to September's minutes posted on the website. The treasurer's report needed a correction to the amount for expenses. The correct amount for expenses should be \$195.66 to bring the ending bank balance for 8/31/16 to \$14,315.03. Minutes were approved with correction.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mary Walraven reported the beginning balance was \$14,315.03. There were no deposits for the month of September and there were \$94.12 in expenditures for the month. The ending balance at September 30 is \$14,220.91.

**Safety/VIP Program** – Mike Gorman gave the crime and safety report for September. The Dallas Police Department reported 2 incidents for the month. WHNA had only one report via social media. So far the DPD has only one report for the month of October. WHNA has only 53 crime reports from DPD for the year, which makes us

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52% less than Richland Park, 55% less than Woodbridge and 57% less than Plano Forest neighborhood. The top reported crimes for the year are criminal mischief, disturbances and gunshots. Mike also spoke about the great turn out for National Night Out. The streets with the most homes attending were Bettywood and Jasoncrest. Mike says that next year he plans to pass out name tags for those that are attending.

**Social and Dine Out** – The next dine out will be at the Crab Shed at Buckingham and Plano Road. The date is October 18 from 6:30-8PM.

**Elections/Voting** - Susie Leinneweber reported the deadline to register is October 11, 2016. If you have not registered by that date, you will not be able to vote in the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. Susie had forms at the meeting for anyone needing to register.

**Member-at-Large** – Lynn Peltier reported on the bids for tree removal along the wall in the alley from Lawler to Walnut. The bids submitted by Jim Beaurow are: \$885 to cut, clean and haul off, \$685 to cut, chip and leave trunks, \$320 to cut and leave on other side of fence. The \$685 bid was approved by the board. Lynn received a bid by Ratcliff Construction for the north entrance monument. The monument would consist of a stone column with a concrete structure to attach rock and sign to. The Whispering Hills sign would be a cast stone insert. The total cost submitted is \$7329.87. The vote on this project has been postponed. Lynn also reported on bids for the projects on the south entrance. The sprinkler system replacement would cost \$2,200 and landscaping would cost \$2,893.70. The other project consists of spraying stone over the existing wall at the south entrance. The cost submitted for stone spraying is \$6,560.00. The board expressed different feelings on what projects should be completed for this year and what projects should be left for next year's board to handle.

**Vice-President** – Holt Mitchell reported on upcoming community events. The City of Dallas will have a community meeting on October the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Willie B. Johnson Recreation Center. This meeting concerns the bond package and what will go into the bond package. Another event is a community recycling and shredding event on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Highlands United Methodist Church parking lot.

**President** – Ron Galloway introduced Chuck Laughlin. Chuck has volunteered to take the WHNA President's job for 2017. Chuck spoke about wanting to bring people together in the neighborhood, especially younger people. Chuck says that it is a challenge for young couples with children to get involved in neighborhood activities. The board and members present approved Chuck's position for President. Kelly Kincaid for Vice-President was nominated by Susie Leinneweber. The board and members present approved Kelly for Vice-President.

Since there was not any further business to discuss, Ron declared the meeting adjourned.

**Meeting was adjourned** – at 7:47 p.m.

*Crystal Hughes, Secretary*  
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