



## **WHNA**

*Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association*

**January 11, 2016**

**Liberty Junior High School**

**7:00p.m.**

### **WHNA Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Introduction of 2016 Board Members and Committee Coordinators** – Election and Voting - Susie Leinnebber spoke about voter registration and the upcoming primary election in March.

Social & Dine Out – Paulette Standefer spoke about the upcoming dine out on January 21<sup>st</sup> at Venezia Restaurant. She also reported that the social committee will be meeting to make plans for the new year.

**President Medals** – Richard Pruitt gave medal to Mike Gorman for his activities with the VIP/Security committee. A medal also went to Holt Mitchell for his actions on the Civic and Government committee.

**10 Goals Update** – Richard Pruitt spoke about the 10 most popular goals from surveying neighbors in Whispering Hills.

- 1) Medians and yellow buttons on Walnut
- 2) Security cameras placed around neighborhood
- 3) Improvement to south entrance at Walnut
- 4) Issue membership cards to neighbors that join WHNA and use these cards for discounts at local merchants.
- 5) Dash cameras issued to VIPs as they patrol the neighborhood
- 6) Plant trees by football field at Liberty
- 7) Designate an alternate to report code violations
- 8) Designate a person to monitor local apartments. William Elliott agreed to take on this responsibility.
- 9) Closing Deermont Trail to Garland. A petition drive is in progress.
- 10) Paint inside of wall day is tentatively set for September 17th

**Treasurer's Report** - Rich Harms – End of Year Finance Report – Final balance is \$10,476.00. \$8,000 of this balance is the dues collected for 2014 and 2015.

\$1450 was collected for wall topper, \$285 donated for VIP crime watch and \$595 for TNR program.

Expenses total \$11,486.92 which include the newsletter, storage rental, maintenance for entrances, repair and reinforce toppers at Lawler, project on south side for new toppers, magnetic signs for VIP vehicles, social expenses, PayPal fees, email system and directory. The current balance in bank is \$11,710.46.

Richard asked for applause for Rich and his many years serving as Treasurer of WHNA.

**VIP/Safety Committee** - Mike Gorman reported that there were 49 incidents in the neighborhood for 2015. Most of the incidents were due to automobile break-ins. The second is vandalism. The current biggest concern for the neighborhood is the gunshots that are heard. Putting up a security camera has been suggested to find out what is the cause of the gunshots.

Other concerns are crime and drug use in Friendship Park and speeding on Whispering Hills. There has been a suggestion that more neighborhood crime watch be posted to help deter crime.

**Vice President**– Holt Mitchell proposed that WHNA purchase red tape to place on stop sign poles. A vote was taken and passed for this expenditure. Holt also reported that the storage facility has been cleared out and the objects have been moved to Claudia Bankston's garage. This will save WHNA the \$96 monthly expense of renting a storage facility. Holt mentioned that other requests are: a streetlight at Panther Ridge and Whispering Hills, white buttons on Whispering Hills and a stop sign at Bunchberry. Holt also gave an update on the LBJ east improvement.

**President** – Richard Pruitt went to a meeting between police and the Lake Highlands alliance. He reported that there will be land available after the LBJ/Skillman improvement. This land could be used for a recreation center for kids. Paulette Standefer suggested that if Lake Highlands could get a Boys & Girls club started in our area it would be very beneficial for the kids and for our neighborhood. Richard also spoke about how our Councilman Adam McGough has been helpful for our area and also Lake Highlands.

**Website**- Lynn Peltier presented the new website that she, Holt Mitchell and Jason Woefel have been working on to update the site – [whnadallas.com](http://whnadallas.com). Lynn states that the new website will brand our community with Lake Highlands with the change in the design. Since Jason has never charged for his work on the website, Richard Pruitt proposed that WHNA give Jason \$250 for his involvement in the project. A vote was taken and passed.

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**Meeting was adjourned** – at 8:10pm. Acknowledgement was given to the people on the social committee for their contribution to WHNA – Paulette Standefer, Cathy Roach, Ancanetta Wright and Yusuf Tadia.

Richard also asked acknowledgement is given to Sonia Harms for her many contributions to WHNA and her work on the newsletter.

*Crystal Hughes*, Secretary

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