

Whispering Hills



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Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association

March 16, 2015

Liberty Junior High School

7:00p.m.

WHNA Board Meeting

Call to Order: 7:13 p.m.

Membership Report - Sonia Harms – 2015 Membership Drive – 151 members to date.

Treasurer's Report - Rich Harms – Finance Report – \$15,000 in the bank. No new expenses to report. Full expense report will be available at next month. LHAIA dues have been paid.

Secretary's Report - Holt Mitchell - Approval of February Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved as written.

Whispering Hills NPO- Officer Josh Cooper – Recent Police Activity – Property crimes are up slightly, while burglaries are down. Regal Springs Apartments is under new management. Other apartment complexes in the area are stopping Section 8. In light of recent events around Walnut, patrols have been increased and police cameras will be installed in the Walnut-Audelia area.

Safety Committee-VIP Program - Joe Grigalunas

Most crimes in the area are opportunistic. More patrollers are needed, 7 patrollers currently. Frank Jennings volunteered to patrol.

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

The City of Dallas does not have room in the budget for RADAR signs on Whispering Hills Drive. Stop signs at Bunchberry Drive and Whispering Hills Drive received wide support, and will be investigated further. Deermont Trail at Whispering Hills Drive will also be evaluated for stop signs in the near future. Bike lanes were discussed, with concerns from neighbors about configuration and effectiveness on speeding, along with support from other neighbors. The closure of the Deermont Trail connection to Garland has been assigned an engineer by the city, who will evaluate the possibility of the closure.

Special Guest –Doug Planey –Liberty Junior High Principal

An announcement will be made to students to remind them that alleyways are not to be used as routes to school. The school's orchestra received all 1's in the recent UIL competition, with the band and choir also receiving high rankings.

Social and Dine Out – Claudia Bankston

National Night out will be scheduled later in the year. Ideas for events include a Chili Cook-off, a Sunday at Braums, and an event themed for kids. The next dine-outs are March 19th at Aboca's, April 21st at Red Lobster.

Civic Interest - David Blassingame and Holt Mitchell – LHAIA – City Council Candidate Meet and Greet for the North Lake Highlands area will be held on Friday, March 20th, at Liberty Junior High at 7pm.

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

New Efforts – Trap Neuter Release program for feral cats- Claudia Bankston
Six cats were caught and spayed/neutered in the Hornbeam area. Four more trappings are planned within the next 2 weeks.

Neighborhood Beautification - Jay Harris and Holt Mitchell – North and South Entry Ideas – The City of Richardson confirmed property along Buckingham Rd and Whispering Hills Drive is available for landscaping. Drought tolerant plants, including feather grass and fountain grass, are being considered for North entrance.

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

Upcoming Events- Dates of Board Meetings- The next meeting will be held on April 13th.

Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.

Holt Mitchell, Secretary

