

Whispering Hills



WHNA

Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association

September 28, 2015

Liberty Junior High School

7:00p.m.

WHNA Annual Meeting

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

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

Safety Committee-VIP Program – Mike Gorman- Need volunteers for Neighborhood Night Out- 1 theft 2 motor vehicle and 1 criminal mischief. Neighborhood Night Out on October 6th. Please turn porch lights on from 7pm to 10pm

Recycling and Parks Committee- Carol Tobias- A Chevy Trailblazer is going in park and on grass. Extra police patrols have been added to park. Sidewalk along hornbeam and Friendship Park will be looked at for 2017 city bond project. Parks board has been chosen Friendship Park to receive a seasonal flowerbed. It's my park day will take place on October 21st from 9am-12pm. Residents say park has improved.

Special Guest- Daryl Wood- Dallas VIP Coordinator- VIP training class on October 17 at 10am to 2pm.

History of WHNA- Sonia Harms-WHNA 30th anniversary- photo book, display, and cake presented. Request for articles to be sent to Sonia for newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Rich Harms – Finance Report – Financial statement handed out to members. Statement is attached.

Social and Dine Out – Potluck will be held on October 10 at friendship park. Chair for potluck is needed. WHNA volunteer appreciation dinner will take place on November 14; location will be announced.

2016 Board Election- Moderated nominations and voting- David Blassingame moderated nomination and voting. Nominations were open to floor.

-Nominations for a slate, consisting of Richard Pruitt for President, Holt Mitchell for Vice President, Crystal Hughes for Secretary, Mary Walraven for Treasurer, and Lynn Peltier for Member-at-large.

-Nominations for Carol Tobias for Member-at-large, Rich Harms for Treasurer, Cathy Erickson for Secretary, and Ron Kirk for President were presented. No other nominations for Vice President.

Candidates spoke for two minutes each on qualifications. Ballots were filled out for each position by members and counted. 32 proxy votes from members were filed prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Final results of voting are as follows:

Richard Pruitt, President

Holt Mitchell, Vice President

Crystal Hughes, Secretary

Mary Walraven, Treasurer

Lynn Peltier, Member-at-large

Special Guest- Councilman Adam McGough- Councilman McGough updated and took questions from residents while counting of votes took place.

-LBJ East Project from Hwy 75 to I-30 was not approved by last State Legislative session. Task force had been created to create plan for 2017 legislative session. Plans vary from two TexExpress lanes each way and 5 free lanes each way with access roads along entire route, with alternate plans consisting of no toll lanes and limited access roads.

- Skillman-Audelia Straightening Redesign Project - Councilman went to Austin to push hard for this project to be approved. Will be going to Washington DC in late October with lobbying group in support of this project to be approved and funded as soon as possible.

- Councilman will be sending a quarterly newsletter to all residents of the district.

- Highly favors and will make priority more parks and more development to further interest prospective businesses and stores to establish and build in the Lake Highlands area to reinvigorate the Lake Highlands Town Center.

- Does not support any additional toll roads in Dallas or Dallas County.

Additional Q & A from audience:

- How to increase number of apartment complexes on DPD SAFE program. Out of hands of City Attorney & Code Compliance and is solely under the control of the Dallas Police Department.

- Revamping of graded license code compliance for Multi-Family Units.

- City recently passed \$3.1 billion dollar budget, which included an additional Community Prosecutor for the Forest-Walnut-Audelia area to resolve local area disputes, dealing with vacant homes and absentee landlords, identifying additional TAAG multi-family properties to bring into program to enhance and improve or seize and tear down.

- Additional funds are needed to fund arts, libraries and expanded hours.

- Funding for "Neighborhood Plus" program takes HUD funds and allocates to areas around Dallas. Mayor has picked 3 areas; Adam wants to run the Lake Highlands area as one.

- New aquatic center planned for Lake Highlands. Current center has highest revenue in the city.
- Apartments in area patrol with a Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) find drugs are big part of problem. Need more NPO's in area.
- 13 vacant homes, foreclosures in WHNA with no contact info on past tenant or resident owner, and they can't contact the mortgage lender. List of vacant properties was given to Councilman McGough.

Adjourn: 8:24 p.m.

Holt Mitchell, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holt Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Whispering Hills Neighborhood Association
YTD Financial Report**

09/25/15 <u>Account</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Administrative		
Membership Dues	\$8,320.00	
Less: Paid in 2014	(\$3,650.00)	
Add: 2016 Dues	\$100.00	
	<u>\$4,770.00</u>	
General Expenses		
Administrative		\$315.35
Directory		\$299.70
Email System		\$232.00
Membership Drive		
Newsletter		\$1,262.50
Payroll Fees		\$57.75
Storage Closet Rental		\$840.00
	<u>\$4,770.00</u>	<u>\$3,007.30</u>
Grounds and Improvements		
Maintenance		\$1,125.00
Entrance Water		\$77.60
Improvements		\$20.00
Repairs, Misc		\$35.45
		<u>\$1,258.05</u>
Western Fortifications		
Chain Link II	\$275.00	
Crime Watch		
Mobile Phone		\$15.49
Equipment & Signs		\$302.20
Supplies		
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$317.69</u>
Trap-Neuter-Release		
	\$810.00	\$595.00
Totals:	<u>\$5,855.00</u>	<u>\$5,178.04</u>
Checking Balance 12/31/14:	\$12,721.38	
Add: Income less Expenses:	\$676.96	
Checking Balance 09/25/15:	<u>\$13,398.34</u>	