

Wynnewood North General Meeting Minutes April 29, 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Ashton Strong, TxDOT Dallas District, Project Manager and Team

Ashton gave an overview of why the project was started and the current progress. Afterwards, Ashton answered questions from the membership regarding upcoming closures, where the permanent access for I-35 north and south and sound barriers. For updated information visit their website https://thesoutherngateway.org/

Business Meeting / 2021 WNNA Board of Director Announcements

Secretary – Cindy Kirk

Approval of previous General Meeting Minutes Susan Oakley made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Lynn Sulander. The minutes were approved.

• Treasurer – Gary Ellis

Gary advised the membership we had a good first quarter. Our beginning cash balance as of 1/1/2021 was 12,923.45. We had receivable of \$7,321.95. We received monies from neighborhood donations, the Methodist grant and outstanding reimbursement grant money from Heritage Oak Cliff. YTD March 31, 2021, we had a net profit of \$4,663.17. Since March 31st we have collected more grant money. We still have totes and tumblers for sale. Barb Nunn made a motion to approve the financials and seconded by Cynthia Michaels. The motion was approved.

President – Denise Requardt

We will be having a neighborhood garage sale this year. Denise will make sure it is on social media and well-advertised. There are a couple of young people in our neighborhood who want to do a food drive. We would be collecting food to donate to a food bank.

We want to have a Fall Wander.

We would like to have a 4th of July event this year. Since outdoor events are much safer, we think it might be possible. Maybe control how people go through the line. Estimating by July we might have 65% vaccination. Consider an anonymous survey that would be a yes or no response.

We have neighbor looking into a food truck and band, nothing has been set yet.

Tyler Station area proposed developmental. Potential re-zoning primarily Polk-Vernon area. Heritage Oak Cliff put together some maps showing the potential development. One of those maps included Owenson.

Chad West and Enrique McGregor had told everyone that there would be a steering committee and the process would take about two years. They were later informed there would be no steering committee.

Pat Ford advised that during the authorized hearing it is to either propose or change zoning. Nothing passed at this meeting. Commissioners were concerned that the neighborhood had not had a voice and no Steering Committee had been appointed. Thinks they will come back with either a piecemeal proposal or try to re-zone.

Denise will speak with Yolanda to determine if the residents of Owenson are interested in joining our neighborhood association or if they want to form their own with another neighborhood. We will need to amend our bylaws if Owenson wants to re-join our association.

Vice President and Beautification – Cynthia Michaels

Cynthia updated the membership regarding the request from the last General Meeting as to adding more streetlights to the neighborhood. Cynthia spoke with Mike New with the City of Dallas and was advised that the guidelines for streetlights are as follows:

Streetlights must not be further than 400 feet apart.

If someone wants a streetlight added, the cost is \$1000.

There must be a clear path of at least 5 feet wide and 15-20 feet in height and the neighbor wanting the light must pay for the tree trimming.

A permit from the City is required.

In addition, Mr. New drove the neighborhood and all our lights follow the 400-foot guideline.

Cynthia updated the membership on the request to look at getting speed humps in the neighborhood. Mary Ann Jenkins volunteered to help obtain signature for South Manus and Katherine Espinoza volunteered to help obtain signatures for Monssen. Mary Ann was unable to get the required number of signatures for South Manus and Cynthia is waiting for an update from Katherine.

Neighborhood triangles are looking good thanks to our neighbors who have volunteered to help maintain them. Joey Connelly offered to donate nine bags of left-over mulch for the triangles.

Crime Watch – David Williams

VIP drawing winners are:

Jan. Alan Anders

Feb. Jane Sullivan

March - O.D. Vega

Police have been having some success on catching people firing guns.

Need to encourage people who are trained to start patrolling again.

 Communications – Janice Coffee (out of town) List of new neighbors are in the newsletter.

• Web Master – Paul Jolly

We delved into building our storefront to sell old Wynnewood Toppers, tumblers, and tote bags. We have also been notified the costs for our web hosting will be going up next year.

• New Items/ New Business/Topics for the next meeting

Cynthia advised we are looking into doing a Conservation District for the neighborhood. 51% of the neighborhood would need to agree to it. As a neighborhood we would decide what we would want. A Conservation District would be greatly beneficial to our neighborhood to help prevent potential unwanted development and other issues that might arise from the potential development around Tyler Station.

8:42 pm or prior: Adjourn