



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005, 7:00 P.M.
446 North Manus Drive

I. **Call to Order/Approval of March Minutes** - Present at the meeting were Dean Rose, Greg Gormley, Lisa Tully, Joseph Hernandez, Jeremy Ratliff, Mary Scherer, John Ridgley, and Tom Reeves and Cindy Kirk. Christine Connelly was absent. The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Departmental Reports

- a. **Secretary – Approval of February Minutes** – Dean Rose. The approval of the February minutes was tabled until April. (**Action Item – Tom and Mary will e-mail Christine with requested information. Christine will send out the final version of the minutes to the Board**).
- b. **Treasurer’s Report – Tom Reeves.** Tom presented the Treasurer’s Report. As of February 28 2005 the bank balance was \$6,756.73. A motion was made by Jeremy Ratliff to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Greg Gormley seconded it. The motion was approved.

Tom asked for approval of the change in membership dues for the Top of the Cliff Membership through the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. Discussion followed regarding the value of our membership in the Chamber of Commerce. A motion was made by Dean to not renew our membership in the Chamber of Commerce and seconded by Jeremy. The vote to not renew was unanimous.

Tom requested Board approval to renew the membership in Dallas Homeowner’s League. Board discussion followed regarding the value of membership in the League. A motion was made by Mary Scherer and seconded by Jeremy to approve renewing our membership in the Dallas Homeowner’s League at a cost of \$30.00.

Tom requested approval regarding payment to Arthur’s lawn service for maintenance of the WNNA triangles. Jeremy discussed his conversation with Arthur on the evening of March 14th. Jeremy was advised by the former Beautification Director, Dwayne Privott that he had terminated Arthur’s services. Arthur stated he was never advised that we had cancelled their services. Jeremy told Arthur that WNNA would not pay the outstanding invoice of \$140.00 because the work was not performed. Jeremy advised Arthur he would propose to the Board that we pay one-half of the outstanding invoice. Today, Arthur submitted an invoice in the amount of \$50.00 for services rendered in February.



The Board discussed paying the final invoice and noting it is PAID IN FULL with an additional notation that Arthur's services are terminated. A motion was made by Jeremy Ratliff and seconded by Lisa Tully to pay the final invoice with a copy of his past invoice. The copy will show PAID IN FULL, and will note his services are terminated. The motion carried with one vote against.

- c. **Crime Watch** - Mary Scherer – Attended the March 9, 2005 Random Gunfire Forum held at the S.W. Division. Present at the meeting were Dr. Elba Garcia and Deputy Chief Vincent Golbeck, and Agent Jim Ruffin of the ATF. The Wynnewood area is not in the top ten random gunfire locations in Oak Cliff. The Jefferson/Davis area has substantially more problems than we do. The police and community members are going to try and take a cultural approach and target Spanish newspapers and radio stations as well as the churches, etc. Agent Ruffin of the ATF noted that if anyone actually sees someone firing a gun, they will pursue it by trying to make arrests through the Federal system. Random gunfire is a low priority call unless you have specifics. Even though it is a low priority calls, they still want calls made. If you find empty shell casings, the police want them for special studies they are doing.

On March 22, 2005 the Crime Watch Executive Board will be electing civilian members. Mary will be attending the meeting, but will not run for office.

For the month of February, there were 39 reported incidents in the area that includes Wynnewood North, however, all but four were outside the neighborhood. Incidents were reported for the 500 block of Bizerte, wherein jewelry was stolen; 500 block of Hoel there was a burglary; 400 block of North Manus, patio furniture was stolen; and 600 block of Mayrant, money was stolen. There were also pots stolen from the 400 block of Woolsey. If anyone is renovating their homes, the large dumpsters are an indication that tools are probably available in the house. Mary also had some blank Request for Action Forms specific to the Southwest Patrol Division.

Mary advised she had an e-mail from Jesse Doughty who sells house number signs for the alley entrances. Greg suggested that we ask him if he would like to advertise in our newsletter.

Mary is following up on the H.E.A.T. registration. She has a meeting with Corporal Steven Armon on Tuesday of next week.

- d. **Social/Membership** - John Ridgley – Social



Silver will host the breakfast for the Spring Clean Up on April 16th. Board discussion followed regarding having a cook out after the clean up in the park. We will start the clean up at 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. The clean up starts at 9:00 a.m. and the cookout will start at noon. Jeremy wants to work on cleaning out the creek, and also work on the alleys. Jeremy will drive around the neighborhood and see which areas of the neighborhood need to be the focal point of the clean up. Streets Services or Sanitation Services is whom we would call for a special pick-up. Jeremy, Cindy and John will coordinate the cookout.

Garage Sale – April 2, 2005. John was advised that he needs to put something in the upcoming flier regarding the garage sale and he needs to place an ad in the Dallas Morning News. Each house participating in the garage sale hopefully gives a \$10 donation.

Wynnewood Wander – May 14, 2005. We will be putting a blurb in the flyer regarding volunteers for the Wander. Jeremy will ask RJ's restaurant about hosting one of the homes. Board discussion followed about solicitation of other restaurants to sponsor a home. Tom will draft a form letter to other restaurants and send it to Dean. Send any suggestions of restaurants who might participate to Dean and he will do the mailings. **(Dean Action Item)**

d. Publications/PR - Joseph – Publications. The first version of the E-Newsletter went out and was well received. The calendar has been updated with numerous City events.

Articles are due April 1 for the Newsletter.

Treasurer – Tom

Special Project – SSNOW or Tales from Woolsey

Meet your Board – article for each Board member

Lisa Tully – Block Captains

Mary Scherer – Crime Update

Jeremy – Beautification

Dean – President's Corner

John Ridgley – Social Events

e. Communications/Block Captain - Lisa Tully. Lisa has prepared a draft of items and/or instructions for the Welcome Basket. Lisa will e-mail the draft to the officers for review and revisions. **(Lisa Action Item)**. A motion was made by Dean and seconded by Jeremy to cap the cost of the Welcome Baskets at \$15.00. The motion was approved. Lisa also will draft guidelines for the Block Captains and bring them to the next Board meeting. By the next meeting, she will have a version of the gift baskets.



f. Beautification - Jeremy – Beautification Committee. Jeremy has taken bids on the maintaining the triangles. The bids varied in prices. After taking the bids, Jeremy got in touch with Simon for a one time clean up of both triangles. Simon moved, plants, put down herbicide, moved the edging, brought in two cubic yards of mulch. Simon is willing to maintain both triangles for \$30.00 per triangle per week. The services he will provide include: weeding, mowing, edging, and he will do seasonal plantings for an additional cost of \$5.00 per flat. The cost per month would be \$240.00. The weeds are a huge problem. Tom Reeves suggested that we send out a flyer requesting sponsorship for the triangles. Board discussion regarding funding the maintenance of the triangles. A motion was made by Mary Scherer to approve one month of payments to Simon to maintain the triangles, the motion was seconded by Cindy Kirk. The motion carried with Lisa Tully voting no.

Yard of the Month – 6 homes were nominated. 757 S. Manus was awarded YOM. Jeremy will find out who currently resides the home. **(Jeremy Action Item)**

g. Special Projects - Cindy Kirk

National Night Out is August 2, 2005. Cecilia Barshop - 214-939-2711 is the person to contact to request the street-closing permit. ICP - Interactive Community Police –is our contact for police. Board Discussion followed regarding whether the neighborhood was interested in participating. A motion was made by Dean Rose and seconded by Joseph to approve participating in National Night Out on August 2nd. The motion failed to carry. Jeremy made a motion to have a Fall Fling, date to be determined, seconded by Mary. The motion carried.

SSNOW Brunch – The brunch was hosted by Janice Coffee and Terry Thomas and was very well received. Other Board and SSNOW members present at the brunch were Mary Scherer, Liz Edwards, Dean McKinnon, Cindy Kirk and Dean Rose. Cindy will write an article about the brunch for the newsletter.

Helen Schneider – Firefighters **(Cindy Action Item)**

h. Vice President's Update - Greg Gormley – Requested follow-up on any ideas for fund-raising for the neighborhood. Jeremy presented an idea regarding bottling wine with our neighborhood logo. He will follow-up on the particulars and report back to the Board in April. **(Jeremy Action Item)**



The Old Oak Cliff Conservation grant application needs to be submitted by May 31st. (**Action Item - Greg will get Jeremy a recent application**)

Methodist Hospital has a \$200 grant available. Lisa Jones at Methodist is the contact for the grant. Greg will talk to Liz Edwards regarding applying the grant. (**Greg Action Item**)

Greg will also confirm that WNNA has \$200 left from the prior grant. The Old Oak Cliff meeting will be at the Top of the Cliff Club this Thursday. Greg has also been contacting Board members from other neighborhood associations to survey them for ideas on how they solicit funds.

III. Open Discussion - Dean Rose – Advised that the sign regarding the Wynnewood Park is a citywide initiative.

Speaker for Quarterly Meeting - Joseph advised that Ed Oakley has volunteered to speak. The Board decided to not have a speaker. Instead, the meeting will be a “State of the Union” address. The website also has an informal poll capability.

The next Board meeting will be at Joseph and Jeremy’s.

V. Adjourn - Motion was made by Lisa Tully to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Jeremy. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.