

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MARCH 23, 2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**I. Call to Order**

a. Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes – The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. Present were Joseph Hernandez., Dean Rose, Tom Reeves, Robert Curlin, Dwayne Privott, Sue May, Greg Gormley, Terry Thomas Lisa Tully and Cindy Kirk. Paula Graves was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Sue May made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Lisa Tully. The motion carried and the minutes were approved

**II. Reports/Discussion**

a. Activities – Sue May reported on the upcoming Wynnewood Wanderer which is scheduled for May 22, 2004. Hosting homes will be:

First Home: Maurice Winters and Ronnie Roese of 663 North Manus  
Second Home: Robert Curlin and Andrew Boks at 648 N. Manus  
Third Home: Eddie Hall and John Blizzard at 445 Monssen  
Fourth Home: Mike Wicker will be serving desserts. No alcohol will be served

Tickets will be \$25.00 per ticket. We will be selling 50 tickets in addition to the host houses attending.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the garage sale. It is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sue May will place an advertisement in the Dallas Morning News a week prior to the event.

April 17<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Clean-Up. A flyer will be prepared and distributed regarding the clean up.

Sue May discussed that we had failed to schedule the Spring Fling. Sue expressed concern that this was one of the few events that children in the neighborhood were able to attend. Discussion followed regarding possible dates for the Spring Fling. Tom Reeves offered to host the Spring Fling. The Spring Fling will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, after the WNNA Garage Sale. Sue will write an article regarding the upcoming events.

b. Advertising – Paula Graves (report given by Joseph Hernandez). Paula requested feedback as to how we book our advertising dollars and if we want to focus on expanding our advertising market. Dean and Sue need to pay for their 2004 advertisements. The spreadsheet regarding the advertisers was formerly maintained by Sue May and Christine Connelly. Sue suggested that advertising payments be made directly to the Advertising Director so that they could be tracked easier. Joseph agreed, but suggested we still need to maintain the P.O. Box as our primary address for mail. Sue also advised that we will have

advertising capacity as certain advertisers are either no longer in business or certain advertisements have expired.

- c. Beautification – Dwayne Privott reported that the neighborhood triangles were cleaned up over the weekend by a barrage of volunteers. The volunteer included Scott Hopper, Joseph Hernandez, Jeremy Ratliff, Terry Thomas, Joe Merola, Greg Gormley, Bob Schout, Eric Pillet, Lance Ivy, Christi Crane, and Dwayne Privott. In appreciation for all the volunteer help, Lance and Dwayne hosted a BBQ after the work was done. Dean Rose helped with the BBQ, as it goes without saying that he doesn't do yard work... Greg mentioned that in addition to Christi Crane helping clean up the triangle, she has also been active picking up trash in the neighborhood and along Zang. It was suggested that there might be more participation in the neighborhood clean up if the event was shorter. Dwayne advised that the Beautification Committee would be replacing the dead buffalo grass on the Monssen triangle with lantana, which is more heat resistant. Sue will write an article regarding the Spring Clean-Up and will contact Silver Poteete to see if she will host lunch after the clean up.
- d. Block Captains – Lisa Tully advised that Jennifer Touche would replace Dwayne Privott as the Block Captain for Monssen. Lisa has the pages of the directory, but hasn't distributed them to the block captains yet in order to verify addresses. The block captains will need to have any additions back to Lisa by June so that they will be inserted into the July newsletter. The Libby's are willing to remain as Block Captains.
- e. Crime Watch – Terry Thomas reported on that we have only had 2 offenses in the last 6 weeks. A trailer located at 757 Bizerte was broken into at night, and items were stolen valued at approximately \$2,600. A truck was broken into at 446 N. Manus and tools were stolen, valued at approximately \$1,600.00 dollars. Terry noted that we have had better patrol by the police, however the key to neighborhood safety is to continue being vigilant by turning on our alarms, locking up our property, and keeping our property well lit. Police response time is down because they are not sending out as many officers to respond to calls. There were also two incidents of illegal dumping on North Manus. We haven't had any additional problems with arson in the last 6-8 weeks. Terry will prepare the article on Crime Watch for Greg.
- f. OOCCL – Robert Curlin – The OOCCL meeting was very well attended at the renovated Fire House. They are still looking for renters for the Fire House. Dilbick Hotel is going to be opened by spring, 2005 on Sylvan and Ft. Worth Ave. OOCCL is still looking for new members. WNNA Board members commented that they are willing to join OOCCL, but need renewal notices. Also, members who have joined never receive any notification that their membership has been received. Robert will prepare an article on OOCCL for the WNNA newsletter.

- g. Publications – Greg Gormley – Requested all articles be submitted to him in electronic format by April 7<sup>th</sup>. Newsletters are published in April, July, October and January.
- h. Treasurer – Tom Reeves. WNNa currently has \$6,657.82 in the coffers. Motion was made by Lisa Tully to approve the Treasurer’s report and seconded by Robert Curlin. The motion carried and the Treasurer’s report was approved. Discussion ensued regarding payment to the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce. Joseph will check the records to verify we have already paid the rent to the Commerce for this year.

### **III. 2004 Goals**

Greg –Goals for this year are to do a professional job on the newsletter and to have the newsletter published on time. Additional goals include helping to keep the neighborhood free of trash. At least once a month Greg plans to try and pick up trash. Greg also wants to be more aggressive in being aware of others in the neighborhood and noticing strangers who may or may not belong to the neighborhood.

Sue - Goals include getting more people involved in the neighborhood activities other than just the core set of people. Sue would like a better cross-section of neighbors to attend.

Dwayne – Would like to get the triangles more manageable so they will not be as time consuming. Dwayne would also like to spend more time working on the re-forestation project. The signage issue may need to take a backseat due to city ordinance issues.

Robert – Focusing on more ways to get people involved and to make the neighborhood feel more accessible to neighbors. An additional goal would be to test the water regarding a neighborhood co-op concept. A co-op could help in fostering a sense of community within the neighborhood.

Terry – Goals are to be more pro-active. He feels that not enough people are actually calling the crime watch hot line. He and Janis started typing up notices to let people on a particular street know if there had been a burglary, and he intends to continue to do this.

Tom- Would like to develop neighborhood relationships with couples with children. He would also like to have some playground equipment in the greenbelt area. He would also be interested in starting or participating in a baby sitting group.

Lisa – Goals are to have the directory updated on time, and to make sure Block Captains are aware as to when the newsletters will be delivered. Lisa is also involved in starting a new neighborhood group called Supporting Senior Neighbors of Wynnewood, (“SSNOW”). The group’s intent is to recruit neighborhood volunteers to help our senior neighbors if they need any assistance with putting out their trash, grocery shopping or other minor chores.

Cindy – Goals are to send the drafts of the minutes to Board members in a timely manner so they can be finalized prior to the next meeting. She would also like to start an archive regarding the current and past history of our neighborhood. Hopefully the archive would be posted online at the WNNA website and would include profiles of our neighbors.

Dean – Would like to see the internet used more to communicate effectively with the neighborhood. He doesn't want to overload people, but he does want to communicate efficiently. Additional goals are to redesign the website in order to expand on information that is relevant to WNNA.

Joseph – Goals include acting as a support base in helping other Board members achieve their goals. Additional goals include attending relevant meetings at City Hall so that city officials will continue to be aware of our neighborhood and our concerns. Additional goals are to have the street closed at Llewellyn Drive where the street is closest to the Wynnewood shopping center.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a. Conservation District Designation – Joseph reported on the committee formed to review whether it would be feasible for us to become a Conservation District. The committee members are Andy Shell, Carol Twitmyer, Richard Przybysz, Steve Williams, Joey Connelly and Pat Ford. They are about to start working on the survey with the Preservation Dallas and have started conversations on starting the Conservation District. It can take up to two years to get this done. No one on the Board will be included in the Conservation effort. You have to have 75% neighborhood approval to become a Conservation District.
- b. Meeting Attendance – Dean lead a discussion regarding changing the dates of Board Meetings. The meeting that was to be held on the previous Tuesday was moved to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March due to the inability of four other Board members to attend. Dean advised he had talked with Joseph about Board members being unable to attend, and confirmed with Cindy that she could host the meeting on the following Tuesday. Thereafter, an executive decision was made to move the meeting, but was made without input from all members. Discussion ensued regarding the notification process if a meeting needed to be changed. The overall majority advised they didn't feel it was necessary to be consulted as to their schedule prior to moving the meeting as they felt the meeting wouldn't be changed to accommodate the schedule of only one or two Board members. The majority felt it was appropriate for a meeting to be moved, if necessary, by executive decision.
- c. Non-Profit status – Dean discussed the status of trying to obtain a Non-Profit status for WNNA. Tom received and reviewed the financial information from the IRS. Problems with obtaining Non-Profit status stem from the fact the activities participated in by WNNA are beneficial only to the neighborhood, and

not to the community as a whole. Dean will continue to work on trying to obtain non-profit status.

- d. Newsletter Articles – Greg requested all articles be submitted on or before April 7<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the newsletter.
- e. April Yard of the Month – Dwayne led a discussion regarding Yard of the Month. The majority presented voted to award Yard of the Month to Richard Przybysz and Steve Williams at 533 Mayrant.

**V. Open Discussion** - Terry Thomas suggested we should try and get the City of Dallas to post new signage in the neighborhood such as “No Thru Street” or No Thru Traffic” sign. This type of sign would be useful in helping to keep down traffic in the neighborhood. The City of Dallas will be selling tags for grass clippings for \$1.50 a bag. Discussion regarding pursuing groups who need to do community service to assist in neighborhood clean-up projects. There is a membership form to join the Ft. Worth Avenue Group. Membership is at different levels. The OOCCL grant application is coming up in May. If we are going to apply for a grant, we need to decide what project we would like the grant for. In the Wynnewood shopping center they are building a new Kidney Dialysis Center. Starbucks...when we will get a Starbucks...???

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

**VI. Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.**