

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MAY 18, 2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

I. Call to Order

Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes – The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. Present at the meeting were Joseph Hernandez, Dean Rose, Tom Reeves, Robert Curlin, Sue May, Greg Gormley, Dwayne Privott, Lisa Tully, Paula Graves and Cindy Kirk. Terry Thomas was unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Paula Graves to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Curlin. Motion carried.

II. Reports/Discussion

Treasurer – Tom Reeves reported on our income which is currently \$6,196.43. Tom advised that he made an evening bank deposit and the bank hasn't been able to locate the deposit. Tom offered to pay the cash deposit of \$212.00 in cash. Tom has prepared letters to all of the people who submitted checks asking them to re-issue checks and to let us know the bank charges for stopping payment. Our bank has agreed to pay any stop-check charges on these checks. The total deposit was over \$800.00. Discussion ensued regarding whether to request individuals who wrote checks to just issue another check rather than stop payment on the checks already written. The Board consensus was that we would reimburse anyone who might have two checks clear the bank. Sue May made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Paula Graves. Motion carried.

OOCCCL – Robert Curlin reported on OOCCL. Robert's schedule had prevented him from attending the OOCCL meeting. He received an e-mail from OOCCL suggesting that every neighborhood appoint an alternate member to go to the meeting if the primary representative was unable to attend. There was an information session on May 1st that went very well. Robert doesn't foresee a problem with attending the OOCCL meetings in the future. Greg Gormley offered to attend the meeting if Robert is unable to go. Tom Reeves didn't attend the meeting because the meeting place changed without sufficient notice for him to know where the meeting had been moved to. He went to Kiest Park, but the meeting had been moved to Kidd Springs. Robert also noted that the minutes for the OOCCL go out very late. Often they go out the day before the next meeting which doesn't give sufficient time to review the minutes and make changes. The league has found a few homes, and a commercial property they would like to have on the OOCCL Tour of homes. Currently, there are no homes from WNNA being considered for the tour.

Crime Watch – Terry Thomas was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his report to Joseph. Joseph will e-mail the report to the Board and it will be attached as a part of the minutes. Joseph believes the report noted there had been 5 or 6 new occurrences within the past 30 days. Joseph's backyard was broken into and his golf clubs were stolen. Joe Nesbitt was held up at gun point in his garage after taking his

trash out. He was approached by two black men with a gun who stole approximately \$200. The neighborhood is very concerned about the increase and the nature of the crimes that are being committed. The Board discussed various strategies to address the increase in crime, including the possibility of hiring off duty patrols to patrol the neighborhood at various times during the day. Tom Reeves will look into the cost. Joseph will talk with Terry about trying to get additional patrols and if necessary escalate this issue to others in City Hall. Paula suggested that we also be proactive about getting neighborhood involvement in walking the neighborhood. Sue noted that North Manus is very concerned and wants to be proactive as well. A special Board Meeting may be called for the neighborhood to discuss the crime issue. Paula noted that this may be a good time to revisit the idea of having car decals for WNNA households so that we can easily identify cars that belong in the neighborhood.

Activities – Sue May reported on the garage sale and the Spring Fling. There was a poor turn-out due to the weather. We made \$40.00 on the garage sale. Sue asked for feedback on having two events in one day. Lisa noted that having two events on the same day may not be a good idea in the future. If you elect to have a garage sale, that may negate your desire to attend the Spring Fling later in the afternoon or evening, especially if you need to prepare a dish to take to the Spring Fling.

The Wanderer is ready to go and starts at 7:00 p.m. at Ronnie and Maurice's home. Those helping the host homes need to be at the host home approximately 10 minutes before their homes are open for the Wanderer. There is no theme for the Wanderer. We will purchase flowers for the host homes to thank them for hosting. A motion was made by Sue May to purchase flowers for the host homes. The motion was seconded by Dwayne. The estimated cost for the flowers will be approximately \$50.00 - \$60.00 per home. .

III. New Business

Lake Association Meeting – Joseph Hernandez and Sue May were invited to attend the WNNA Lake Association meeting. Joseph and Sue attended to show our support for their efforts. The Lake Association is paying to have half the lake dredged. They have raised enough money to have one-half of the lake dredged. The Lake Association has decided to host their own version of the WNNA Wanderer as a fund raiser to dredge the lake. WNNA will support their Wanderer by sending out flyers, etc. This event will be open to others as well. They are considering doing a "scramble" wherein more than 40 or more people could attend.

Non-Profit status – Dean reported on our ongoing efforts to obtain non-profit status. We received a response from the IRS on April 30, 2004 requesting additional information. Our accountant is formulating a reply and is calling to inquire as to what additional documentation they need to see. Dean advised that we are having difficulty getting our IRS specialist to approve our non-profit status. There have been numerous other Oak Cliff neighborhoods that have received Non-Profit status without the problems we are incurring. In our financials we need to show that 60%

of the monies we received are from outside the neighborhood. Dean advised he will continue to work on obtaining non-profit status.

Children's Park – Tom Reeves reported on the feedback he has received about putting playground equipment in the greenbelt. Tom has contacted the City of Dallas Parks Department, but hasn't heard back from them yet. Tom sent out an online survey 115 residents of Wynnewood requesting feedback on a possible play area in the greenbelt for children of Wynnewood. Forty-five (45) residents responded to the survey. Out of those responding, 58% were in favor of the park, and 42% were opposed. Dwayne expressed concern that by setting up playground equipment we would be drawing more people into the neighborhood that might create another opportunity for an increase in crime. Dwayne also thought we should have a better response from more neighbors before moving forward to put playground equipment in the greenbelt. Currently we don't even have a 50% response of those surveyed. Out of the 45 responses, there were 26 "yes" votes and 19 "no" votes.

Tom stated that he had thought about this issue and didn't feel the playground equipment would draw additional people into the neighborhood because the current equipment at the apartments is rarely used. Paula stated that she felt just the opposite and was concerned the equipment would draw more people and traffic into the neighborhood. Dwayne concurred and expressed concern that the teenagers currently hanging out on Monssen would instead hang out in the park, which might cause additional crime problems. When asked about maintenance of the equipment, Tom advised that he felt those neighbors who were most interested in seeing the equipment installed would probably take responsibility for the equipment. Tom reminded the Board there had been grave concern about putting in benches at the triangles due to the possibility of graffiti or other crime related issues. However, there have been no problems with the benches. The City of Dallas would have liability for the park. Also, the City of Dallas has money for the equipment. Tom volunteered to pay for a neighborhood mailing in order to get a better response to the survey.

Paula asked that if there were problems with the equipment, would we be able to remove the equipment. Sue stated she didn't feel that people would come over and use our equipment. Paula agreed that she didn't feel others would use the equipment, but did feel teenagers or others might use the park to hang out. The park is envisioned as a "No Parking" area. The survey is online and will be available for 10 days. Discussion by Tom regarding how the survey will be responded to. Tom intends to include a post card with a return stamped envelope which will be sent to the WNNA P.O. Box.

Sue May made a motion to approve Tom Reeves sending out an additional Board sponsored paper survey by regular mail. The survey will be sent out after the online survey expires and the survey will be paid for by WNNA, the postage will not exceed \$200. The motion was seconded by Robert Curlin. The motion carried unanimously.

Beautification: Dwayne found a lawn service that will charge \$25.00 to do both triangles. The cost for the lawn service will be \$50 a month and we will use the service during the summer/early fall. Tom expressed concern that Arthur needed to be involved in the maintenance of the triangles as he had problems with Arthur's employees doing a good job with his own lawn. Dwayne advised that he would spend time with Arthur and explain exactly how we want the triangles maintained. Paula Graves made a motion to hire Arthur to mow the triangles every two weeks at a cost of \$50 a month. The motion was seconded by Lisa Tully. The motion carried.

Triangle update: Dwayne advised we will be installing three crape myrtles and removing the weeping willow. Tom advised that we may be able to get those trees for free from the City of Dallas. He will e-mail the City and get the name of the contact for Dwayne. Dwayne will delay buying the trees from Lowe's until he gets the name from Tom. Dwayne will be buying Lantana to plant in the triangles for summer color.

Yard of the Month – 611 Woolsey was voted as Yard of the Month.

IV. Open Discussion

Greg Gormley advised that he has been spammed and was curious as to the utilization of the "Officers at Wynnewood North" e-mail addresses.

Next meeting is June 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Paula and Dwayne may not be able to attend. Sue May may not be available to attend as well. Joseph will host June's meeting. Terry has volunteered to host the July meeting

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. at

V. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.