



**WNNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 21, 2005
410 North Manus**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dean Rose, president
Greg Gormley, vice president
Jeremy Ratliff, beautification director
Mary Scherer, crime watch director
Christine Connelly, secretary
Joseph Hernandez, publications director
Tom Reeves, treasurer
Cindy Kirk, special projects director
John Ridgley, special events
Lisa Tully, communications director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Lisa moved to approve the minutes from the May board meeting. Mary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

I. NEW ITEMS:

A. Meeting location – Dean Rose

The Oak Cliff Towers are closing the Top of the Cliff Club. As a result, we need to find a new location for the October meeting. Suggestions included:

1. Ice House
2. Church where we vote
3. Library at Hampton at Illinois
4. Towers at Jefferson

B. I-35 Development and Construction – Joseph Hernandez

Joseph reported TxDOT is planning to widen I-35, which will impact Wynnewood North. A representative has been invited to speak about the plans at WNNA's next general meeting.

C. General Meeting Speakers



If a TxDOT representative is unavailable, Dwayne Johnson from Preservation Dallas will be invited to speak.

D. Board Meeting Hosts

Tom will host the July board meeting. Lisa will host the August meeting.

E. Board Meeting Minutes

Dean advised that he has asked Christine to distribute the minutes from the board meeting within seven days of the meeting. He would like the minutes to serve as a reminder for action items. Christine responded that, while she appreciated this point of view, she felt each board member should be accountable for taking their own notes as well.

II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Secretary – Christine Connelly

1. T-shirts: Christine obtained a bid to produce additional WNNA t-shirts. The cost for 100 Beefy-Ts is \$6.50-\$7.50 per shirt. The cost for 100 less expensive, lighter weight t-shirts is \$4.50-\$5.50 per shirt. Several board members requested that the color of the shirt be changed to navy or charcoal if logo can be altered without accruing additional charges. If charges apply, the t-shirts will be printed as before (heather gray with a green and black logo.)

B. Treasurer – Tom Reeves

1. Approval of May report: Tom submitted his report, which states a balance of \$7,660.81 as of May 31, 2005. Joseph made a motion to approve the report, which was seconded by John. The motion carried

2. Liability Insurance: Tom reported that the board should consider liability (not D&O insurance) to cover property and bodily injury at WNNA events or in relation to landscaping and maintenance on the triangles. Tom will investigate pricing, but he estimates the cost at \$1,200 per year for \$1 million in coverage. Payment would come from WNNA treasurer. Mary questioned whether it needs to be approved by general membership or just board. Tom believes it could be approved by board. Tom will investigate matter further. Jeremy expressed



concern about cost, but Cindy expressed support because of society's increasing litigious nature.

C. Communications – Lisa Tully

1. Directory updates: Lisa will distribute each block captain's section Sunday, June 26, at the Block Captain party. She will request a deadline of July 5. She will be out of town July 7-17, and she will make follow-up calls upon her return. Assuming the updates are received by the deadline, she felt she should be able to get information to Joseph by early August for printing.
2. Welcome baskets: Lisa has items gathered for welcome baskets, and she plans to distribute the baskets by the end June.
3. Block captain party: Lisa has scheduled a party for block captains on Sunday, June 26 at her home. She obtained a cost estimate for catering from Eatzi's for about \$250 without drinks, which exceeds the \$200 limit that was approved at the last board meeting. Joseph advised her that the cost would be less if purchased from Eatzi's take-out menu instead of their catering menu.

D. Crime Watch – Mary Scherer

1. Mary reported the following crimes occurred in Wynnewood North in May:
 - a. Theft of lawn furniture on 500 block of North Manus
 - b. Theft of auto parts on 400 block of Monssen
 - c. Theft of clothing on 600 block of North Manus
 - d. Theft of lawn equipment on 400 block of Mayrant
 - e. Vandalism on 600 block of Monssen

The only crime reported thus far in June was the vandalism of a car in an effort to steal gas.

2. The next Southwest Patrol Division Crime Watch quarterly meeting is June 28.
3. The Southwest Patrol Division is seeking volunteers for Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT).



4. A Public Safety festival will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 25 at 100 W. Jefferson with various booths and attractions.
5. The Southwest Patrol Division Crime watch is purchasing a block of tickets to a Texas Rangers game on Sept 15. Tickets are \$7 each.
6. Citizens on Patrol: A few neighbors have asked if WNNA plans to participate in COP, which was discussed at the January general meeting. Mary explained that we will need at least 10 volunteers, which is probably more commitment than we have in neighborhood. Also, she advised that our crime issues happen during day, not in evening when COP would take place. She will pursue if there is enough serious interest.

E. Beautification – Jeremy Ratliff

1. OOCCL Grant: OOCCL approved our grant request for \$2,300. It was the highest grant of all neighborhoods. Jeremy will implement plans in the fall. The Beautification Subcommittee will determine what parts of plans to implement. Jeremy will organize a “planting party” in fall to get the work accomplished.
2. Future planning: Jeremy said he is already thinking of ideas for next year, such as light pole banners, lighting, additional sign toppers, etc. Joseph suggested investigating the City of Dallas’ reforestation program.
3. Yard of the month: After reviewing pictures of the six nominated homes, the board selected 520 Monssen, home of Dwayne Privott and Lance Ivy.

F. Vice President – Greg Gormley

1. Code Keepers: Cindy attended a Code Keepers meeting on his behalf. She reported that the code violations occurring in Wynnewood North are minor compared to other areas of Oak Cliff.
2. Zoning Overlay Plans: City of Dallas Senior Planner David Whitley discussed the city’s zoning overlay plan at the last OOCCL meeting. Greg reported that a task force is organizing a neighborhood stabilization overlay plan to prevent “McMansions” from being built in



areas of Old Oak Cliff. The concept would put in a temporary guideline that lasts for one year to go with prevailing standards in the neighborhood. Some items, which would be easy to define, may not be protected by code. For example, code may require a house to be set back only 10 feet from the street. With the stabilization plan, if all neighboring or nearby houses are set back 20 feet, then new construction would have to meet the “prevailing standard.” The plan would use the prevailing standard to help create conservation districts and prevent developers from building houses that don’t “match” the neighborhood. During the one year period, the neighborhood must establish its standards, restrictions, etc. The stabilization plan is not as restrictive as other plans. It’s an immediate, albeit temporary, tool that can help. Achieving the stabilization plan would require the neighborhood to become politically active to get it approved. If the board is interested, Greg will draft a letter to the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee (ZOAC). He is unable to attend their meeting on Thursday, June 23. He also encouraged board members to send an e-mail to Councilman Ed Oakley to voice their opinions.

3. Sabbatical request: Greg requested a sabbatical from his position for the next three months. The board approved. The board will reassign the following duties at the next as needed: OOCCL meeting, Code Keepers, OOCCL tour selection committee. Cindy volunteered to attend OOCCL meetings.
4. Volunteer activities: Cindy obtained and forwarded information to Greg about volunteer legal opportunities. Lisa advised that we can donate cell phones to the Dallas Zoo. Items will be collect at the next WNNA general meeting along with other items mentioned at last month’s meeting. Christine reported that she has been unable to make contact with the Dallas Ronald McDonald House regarding hosting a dinner. Christine will e-mail info to board once obtained.
5. Fundraising: Cindy will contact the board regarding volunteering at concession stands at Rangers game.

G. Social Activities – John Ridgley

1. Wine & Cheese parties: The board discussed several ideas, with the main point of concern being the size of events. Some board members



would like to keep the wine parties smaller and less expensive than a Wynnewood Wander. The date was set for Sept. 17, and attendance will be limited to 20 people plus board members. The board then discussed how to invite neighbors. Some board members expressed a concern that if an open invitation is extended to all neighbors only the “usual people” will attend although one of the goals of the event is to encourage new participation. Cindy and Mary and Jeremy and Joseph have volunteered to host the events, and they will meet separately with John to organize.

H. Publications – Joseph Hernandez

1. Citizens for Responsible Beverage Sales: Joseph reported that CRBS raised nearly \$1,000 at a recent fundraiser. The group hopes to place the issue on the November election ballot.
2. Newsletter: Articles are due to Joseph by July 1. Assignments as follows:
 - i. Dean: real estate update
 - ii. Lisa: directory updates
 - iii. Jeremy: beautification
 - iv. Tom: treasurer’s report’
 - v. Greg: overlay
 - vi. John: mention fall wander
 - vii. Mary: crime update
 - viii. Cindy: Wynnewood memories

Joseph will distribute newsletters to block captains since Lisa will be out of town

I. Special Projects – Cindy Kirk

1. Procedural Guide: Lisa is only board member who has submitted information about their position. Cindy again requested that all board members submit descriptions of the position and responsibilities.
2. Historical items collections: Cindy has received some good information and is making progress. She hopes to start a column about the topic for the newsletter.



III. OTHER – Joseph Hernandez

A. Street closure: Joseph reported that the Dallas Fire Department has approved our request to close Llewellyn to through traffic. However, there are still several steps to finalize and determine where and how the street will be closed. First, we will need the support of about 75 percent of the Wynnewood North neighbors, including the neighbors who live nearest the proposed closure. Second, the cost to close the street will need to be covered by WNNA. Joseph is unsure of the cost or related construction details at this time.

B. Widening of I-35: Joseph reported that the construction date has been moved up and is only one to three years out. There will be public hearings, but these are more informational rather than serving as an opportunity for citizens to provide input. Joseph recently met with Preservation Dallas to discuss the matter. He also received letter from TxDOT stating that after evaluating 23 neighborhoods, it determined that WNNA would be the only neighborhood eligible for national register for historic places. The letter went on to say that Wynnewood North clearly illustrates historic design and significance. Joseph said this status would give Wynnewood North the same consideration as if it were a conservation district. Joseph explained, however, that nothing can be done regarding the I-35 project unless City advisors are consulted first. Joseph described the proposed construction and design of the project. It would impact WNNA because elevated ramps would increase noise levels. Joseph urged the board to mobilize now to move forward with seeking conservation district so that WNNA can have a say in the widening of I-35. Joseph asked if this would be supported by the board, and all members voted in favor of seeking conservation district status.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held July 19 at 7 p.m. at Tom Reeve's house, 528 Hoel.