



QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2004, 7:00PM
OAK CLIFF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- I. **Call to Order-Welcome** -Joseph Hernandez opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noting it was wonderful to see such a great attendance.
- II. **Introduction of Guest Speaker** - Joseph Hernandez introduced Katherine Seale of Preservation Dallas.

Presentation by Katherine Seale: Katherine introduced "Project Dallas" and passed around a sign-up sheet. Ms. Seale explained that Preservation Dallas is a 501(3)(c) organization. Part of their mission is to help neighborhoods become stronger. One of the ways they are currently reaching their goal is through Discover Dallas which is an architectural survey of Dallas neighborhoods, which includes a history of the neighborhoods, the structure of the homes, and digital photos of homes. Ms. Seale showed a five minute video on Discover Dallas. Discover Dallas is the first of its kind in the United States because neighborhood residents pay an active role in recording their neighborhood's characteristics. The information collected by volunteers will be placed in a Internet database searchable by neighborhood, address, date built, architect/builder and more. Preservation Dallas will train any volunteers. East Kessler Park made documenting their neighborhood a neighborhood party. In our neighborhood, Andy, Carol, Joey, Rich and Steve are the Wynnewood North representatives involved with Preservation Dallas-Wynnewood North. Training is totally free, you don't have to know about architecture. Wynnewood is considered a "medium" sized neighborhood. They need approximately 45 volunteers. The areas they need help with are research, and researching building permits, they also need volunteers who describe the homes by walking the neighborhoods. The other way to contribute to this project is to join Preservation Dallas. The cost to join as an individual is \$45 or \$65 for a household. The number for Preservation Dallas is (214) 821-2390. The time commitment for the volunteer project varies by neighborhood. The survey could be finished in two Saturday mornings if there are enough volunteers. The time commitment for volunteering to assist with the research projects is approximately 10 hours. Research training is at the library and lasts one hour.

For our neighborhood, the survey will contribute to the history of the WNNA. It helps the neighborhood be identified. It is a way to strengthen the neighborhood and a way to get to know your neighbors. It increases pride in the neighborhood and identifies what is special about WNNA.

Joseph advised we have quiet a few things in the pipeline, and the survey will help. Carol advised that one of the ways they would like to do the field work is to come up with some type of neighborhood event that will increase interest and just be fun for everyone involved.

- III. **Reading / Approval of Minutes** Motion was made by Stuart and seconded by Joey Connley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

- IV. **Crime Watch Report** – Terry Thomas updated the membership on the arson investigation that was ongoing on in the neighborhood. Since the last meeting, we have had no arson complaints. We have also had increased police patrols. In a brief recap of past crimes, in the past 12 weeks, we have only had 6 offenses. A van was broken into and the attached garage was also robbed. There was a roofing scam against an elderly resident on Shelmire, there was an auto theft in the 500 block of Hoel and an auto theft from a lock tooled box in a truck and there was also a theft on Bizerte. The worse offense was a neighbor being attacked on South Manus. The resident pulled out his cell phone and the thief attacked him again to try and get the cell phone. The thief finally ran off and jumped into a waiting car. Terry also discussed an article by Scott Burns. There have been so many burglaries in Dallas that the Police don't even come out in person anymore. At the Crime Watch meeting, the average response call has dropped by about a minute. They accomplished this by dropping the number of squad cars they send out. There was another armed robbery at the car wash in Wynnewood. The vast majority of our crime is property crime – we can help the situation by keeping our homes well lite and our property locked up. Silver Poteet called the police recently by noticing a stranger in the neighborhood walking with a dolly. She called the police and he was arrested for being in a possession of a crack pipe. Joseph advised that there is a way to tastefully chain down your pots on your porch.

- V. **Oak Cliff Conservation League Report** – this is the 30th Anniversary for OOCCL. Grant requests are due in May. They are also starting to pre-plan for the Tour of Homes. OOCCL is looking for homes to be on the tour and for volunteers. They are also challenging each neighborhood to bring in 5 new members. Joseph reiterated that we would like to continue to have a home from WNNA on the tour and to let Robert or any member of OOCCL know of your interest.

- VI. **Treasurer's Report** – No major fund raisers lately. We have spent 764.67 on social events, the triangles, etc. Joseph asked our neighbors to please continue to donate and to help the neighborhood. He asked that we encourage all our neighbors to contribute. Tom also reported for Sue May. He thanked everyone who helped on the Spring cleanup, Silver and Bill for hosting the after clean-up luncheon, and Kristi Crane for her great dessert. May 1st is the neighborhood garage sale. If you want to participate in the garage sale we are asking for \$10.00 from participants. That afternoon will be the Spring Fling at Tom Reeves home. Tom will supply the Brisket, everyone else who plans on attending needs to bring a covered dish or dessert. The address is 508 Hoel. The Wynnewood Wander is May 23rd. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The current balance in our WNNA account is \$6,533.10. Total expenses were 764.67 which included bank charges, beautification, Christmas Party,

meeting refreshments, voice mail and web site hosting.

VII. General Items

1. 1st Qtr Yard of the Month Recipients Joseph
Jan- None selected
Feb- 515 S. Manus, Todd Suddeth/Robert Mooney
Mar- 504 Monssen, Joseph Hernandez/Jeremy Ratliff
Apr- 533 Mayrant, Richard Przybyz/Steve Williams
2. New Publications Director – Greg Gormley has taken over from Christine Connelly. He is doing a great job.
3. Recap of YTD activities / Getting involved in your neighborhood - Continue to keep your homes well lighted. There has also been good participation in neighborhood activities, however we would like everyone to get involved. You will meet your neighbors and enjoy the neighborhood more. New neighbors were introduced and welcomed to the neighborhood. Dean inquired as to if everyone were getting the e-mail updates and if they liked them. Members enjoy getting the e-mail updates.

VIII. Open Forum – Joseph advised that we have a very cohesive Board, and we have been fortunate in having good participation and support for the neighborhood. Contributing to the association gives a feeling of ownership. Ed Oakley also attended the WNNA Quarterly Meeting. Ed is very dedicated to Oak Cliff and supports everything that we are doing. Ed asked how many members were receiving his e-mail updates and the majority of WNNA residents in attendance confirmed they were receiving the e-mails. Mr. Oakley advised anyone can get an e-mail by signing on at edoakley.com

Silver is starting a neighborhood scrap book and would like any news and the source of the information.

SSNOW – Supporting Senior Neighbors of Wynnewood – will be another volunteer opportunity. This group is just starting and will assist senior residents of WNNA with light grocery shopping, taking people to the doctor, etc.

Randy – moving out of the neighborhood. He will be setting up a studio in Santa Fe and they are very disappointed that they have to move. He thanked everyone for being such a great neighbors.

Joseph reminded everyone that we really do have a lot of traffic in the neighborhood and we need to stay aware of people entering the neighborhood. Be aware of your neighbors and get out and meet them.

Update on the greenbelt: We are still trying to get some large items like couches and furniture cleaned out of the creek. The major plans for the greenbelt are to continue cleaning it out, trim it up. The cities role is complete. They came out and took out the dead trees and the trash trees. They didn't remove any live trees. We are considering the reforestation plan. The City of Dallas has a reforestation project that

is long term and we are interested in pursuing that plan. Our crime is down and our money is up – things are positive – take advantage of the volunteer opportunities.

➤ **Next Meeting is Thursday, July 15, 2004, 7pm at Oak Cliff Chamber**

IX. Adjourn