



## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004, 7:00 P.M.  
OAK CLIFF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Call to Order/Welcome - Joseph Hernandez** called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m.

**Introduction of First Guest Speaker - Ed Oakley.** Joseph introduced Ed Oakley. Councilman Oakley advised we were in the second phase of the bond plan. There has been a small tax increase to get more police officers on the streets. It wasn't as bad a budget year as it was in the past. We are headed in the right direction in revenues.

**Ft. Worth Ave.** - We are embarking upon a master plan/zoning plan. The zoning which started in the 50's has never been closely examined. The city has hired a land use planner to review the zoning issues. There will be a series of committee city meetings. Dallas is an urban city and is facing the same challenges as cities such as Boston and NY. We will be looking at pieces of the city to see how we can develop and use it. For example, one of the streets off of Jefferson in Oak Cliff will be one of the key streets focused on. Another street is Westmoreland and Illinois. We have several Dart stations that we didn't plan around. Originally, when building the stations, the thought was to have only residential areas. However, the reality is Dart stations actually excel in places with businesses. There will also be a Dart station at the UNT campus. Another station will be in the Bickering Meadows area, and at the Farmer's Market. The goal is to have a fresh look at the needs.

Councilman Oakley encouraged us to be involved in the planning that will affect our city.

**Wynnewood shopping center** - A group out of Houston owns the shopping center. They have talked about doing some renovations, but there hasn't been much activity. There is a group in Dallas interested in doing mixed use development. They are hoping the current owners will sell the shopping center to them or at least partner with them. Southwest Center Mall is fading because strip malls are the way retail shopping is going. Councilman Oakley stated he is willing to do whatever it takes to have development at Wynnewood Shopping Center. He has written a letter to the current owners expressing his disappointment in the lack of activity at Wynnewood. Councilman Oakley is still working on his vision for Wynnewood North Shopping Center.

**TXDot Project** - widening of 1-35 will be put on hold until the Canyon through downtown and the Pegasus project are complete.



New schools are also being built in Oak Cliff.

Twelve Hills Project – There is a school being built, nature center along Timbergrove, development along Oak Cliff Blvd. Airport is also being renovated.

Jeremy Ratliff asked Councilman Oakley about the smell of the Trinity River - at times it smells like a sewer. On the Downtown side, all of the sewage is collected into a vault. It is pumped up into a pipe where it is taken to the treatment facility. One of the issues they will be dealing with is moving the pipeline and treating the sewage gas being released. Once the water is treated, it is released into the Trinity, where it eventually flows to Houston.

Cedar Creek area with the warehouse construction - there are deals being negotiated to possibly build additional facilities along I-20.

Construction along I-30/Sylvan - they will be putting a decorative wall which they will allow vegetation to grow back over.

Ground will be broken in December of 2005 on the bridge. The Sylvan Bridge will be a 6-lane bridge when it is completed. Eventually the Continental bridge will be a pedestrian bridge. The transportation bill in Washington is deadlocked and hasn't been passed. It is stalled due to partisan politics in D.C.

Any chance of getting a Starbucks? They have discussed putting a Starbucks in the tower on Colorado, or Ft. Worth Ave.

**Introduction of Second Guest Speaker - Vincent Golbeck New SW Division Deputy Chief.** Deputy Chief Golbeck addressed the neighbors and discussed the new vision of the police department to take back the neighborhoods. They will be getting beat officers to attend neighborhood meetings; they will be pulling up crime statistics for the neighborhoods they cover. They intend to encourage ownership by the police officers of the areas they cover. They want the officers to establish relationships and partnerships with the people they serve. Chief Kunkle wants the police to be a part of the community they serve. Joseph Hernandez and Terry Thomas have Deputy Chief Golbeck's contact information. There will be realignment in the SW District and we don't know who will be assigned to our neighborhood. Chief Kunkle is also pulling officers from the specialized units and putting them back on the beat. The storefront at Wynnewood Shopping has been closed. The reason for the closing is they want the officer to be in the neighborhood.



Deputy Chief Golbeck advised that he is very motivated to promote and protect Oak Cliff and feels the area has great energy.

**Reading/Approval of Minutes** - Motion was made by Stewart to approve the minutes and seconded by Jeremy. Motion carried.

**Crime Watch Report** - Terry Thomas reported that crime was down for the Quarter. There was a residence burglary on Bizertte and plants stolen from Monssen. Only one garbage can fire, again on Bizertte. Woolsey also had some thefts of mowers and other items. There were various thefts from cars left unlocked. There was also a theft of rocking chairs on Woolsey from the front porch. Terry reminded everyone that any items sitting out should be secured. There has been no crime in the last month. Bulk trash pickup starts today, so put bulk trash out now. Also please remove political signs within 10 days after the election, particularly the REPUBLICAN signs...oops Terry meant the Democratic signs. Joseph advised that we still need to be diligent as neighbors. Go to Home Depot and buy a timer for your lamps.

**Activities/Event Report** - Sue May was unable to attend. Joseph advised that we had no activities last quarter and we aren't having a Fall Wander this year. However we will be having our annual Holiday party. This year, we will be adding a silent auction at the Holiday Party. So far we have two wine baskets donated by Northern Trust. The Holiday Party is currently scheduled for December 11th. We will keep everyone posted on upcoming events.

Joseph commented on the Newsletter and the quality of articles. We have received several compliments from neighbors expressing how much they have enjoyed the newsletters and its content. Read the newsletter to find out all of the things going on, including the survey for Preservation Dallas, our non-profit status, etc.

This Quarter's Neighbor Award goes to Silver. Silver has a history of going above and beyond the call of duty for all neighbors and is an asset to the neighborhood. Everyone knows Silver...and if you don't, you will know her soon. It is the people who make the neighborhood and Silver is a unique contribution. She also has the best deviled eggs in the neighborhood. Silver and Bonnie recently led the effort to take lunch to the store front. Silver was awarded a \$40 gift certificate to Hattie's.

The resurfacing project under the bridge on Clarendon has been approved. The resurfacing will be started after the water department moves their pipes. The road won't be resurfaced until fall, 2005.



Early Voting - John Tackleberry advised that early voting had started. Friday the 29th is the last day of early voting. We are in Precinct 4421 and have been moved to the Methodist Church.

Our space at the Oak Cliff Chambers has expired. We will be looking for a new space in which to have the meeting. We are looking at the Top of the Cliff Club because it is close and a safe place to go.

**Treasurer's Report** - Tom is out of town, Joseph advised that we currently have \$ 7,642.00. Beautification is a continuous project, so we will always need to raise funds for the neighborhood.

## **General Items**

### **1. 3rd Quarter Yard of the Month Recipients**

**August - Steve Keating and Don Sutton**

**September - Guy Albright**

**October - Joe and Bonnie Marola**

**November - Cindy and Mary**

**2. Non-Profit Designation** - Dean Rose reported that we had finally obtained non-profit status. We officially have 501(3) (c) status. From this point forward, any donation is tax deductible. Dean suggested that you either write a check, or if you give cash, get a receipt from Tom Reeves. From July 31, 2004 we are non-profit. The neighborhood expressed their gratitude for Dean's hard work on getting the non-profit status.

**3. 2005 Board Positions** - Joseph advised that this is the last meeting of the year. It is time to look at being involved on the WNNA Board. If you have the time to commit, all positions are open. Everyone serves a one year term. Please call Joseph or Dean if you are interested in a position. The positions open are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chair, OOCCL Liaison, Publications Director, Block Captain Director, Crime Watch Director, Advertising Director. Don't assume that someone will take the position - if you have interest - volunteer.

**4. Reminder 12/10/04 - lights on at 6p.m. for holiday judging** - Last year we had the Board members from other associations do the judging. This year, the BOD will be judging on a Friday evening - so have the lights on! Jeremy announced they were looking into getting the horse drawn carriages to come out to the neighborhood on the night of the Holiday party (Dec. 11th).



**Open Forum - any new neighbors? Patrick McClearly 723 Woolsey.**

**Next Meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2005 7:00 p.m. - Place to be determined**

**Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**