

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2009**

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order** - Dwayne Privott called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Guest Speaker** – Dwayne Privott introduced Animal Control Representative, Herman Wilson. Mr. Wilson addressed issues the neighborhood had regarding loose animals. Call 311 if you have a problem with stray dogs, cats, possums, snakes, skunks, or any other animal causing problems. Animal Control also strives to educate citizens on the importance of neutering their pets. Mr. Wilson gave a quick overview of some of the Dallas ordinances that are of interest, including:
1. The new ordinance stating that animals can be on a leash or a tether as long as you are holding on to the leash or tether. You can not chain or tether your animal outside without walking the animal;
 2. There is also an ordinance that all pets are to be spayed or neutered. Animal Service also provides coupons to assist in neutering your pet;
 3. We also have a “pooper scooper” law. If owners do not pick up after their dog, you can call Animal Services and they will issue a ticket;
 4. Mr. Wilson would advise against feeding stray animals as the food can draw unwanted wild animals to the area; however there is an ordinance on trapping, neutering feral cats as it will help to prevent other cats from moving in. If you are feeding an animal for over 5 days, the city will consider it yours. The city will provide traps if you want to capture the animal to have it neutered;
 5. Animal Service also adopts out animals. With proper identification, Animal Service will adopt out a pet;
 6. If your pet is lost, post pictures, and call Animal Control and advise that your pet is lost, they will look for your pet as well;
 7. Animal Cruelty is also investigated by Animal Control. If you see inhumane treatment to an animal, call Animal Services through 311. By calling 311, you document your call.

Q&A by neighbors:

Is it illegal to leave an animal in a locked car during the summer? Mr. Wilson advised that there is an ordinance on the books preventing animals from being locked in a vehicle. If you call about this and advised there is an animal in a locked car, they will issue a rapid response call.

We haven't had good response with 311, what do we do? We have a neighbor with a vicious dog that causes problems when we are walking. Mr. Wilson suggested that they still call 311 and ask that 311 gather all of the records. Our neighbor advised he has asked for all of the records to be gathered and he still didn't receive a response from 311. Mr. Wilson advised that he needed a Service Request number in order to expedite the calls to 311. Mr. Robertson, the supervisor of Animal Control would address the special issue. Mr. Robertson is the one who determines if a rapid response is warranted.

Would it be helpful to have pictures of the loose dog? Mr. Wilson replied that it would be helpful.

How is the “pooper scooper” law enforced. Mr. Wilson stated that it is a difficult law to enforce. They have had employees sit in a van all day waiting for the offender to let out their animal and not pick up the offending poo-pile, when they see the offense, they can issue a class I citation.

If we trap a raccoon, do we call Animal Control to come dispose of the animal? Animal Control will provide traps for raccoons, possums, etc. DFW Wild will tell you how to humanely exclude the animals. Raccoons don't travel well and usually die. Silver worked with them in the past on a raccoon issue she had. Contact DFWwild.com if you have an issue.

What about feral cats? Animal control will work with us to eliminate feral cats. It was suggested that neighbors could humanely deal with feral cats by contacting Friends of Feral Cats. They will assist in trapping the cats to be neutered. 214 674-8313 for Rabies 214-670-8318

III. Officer Reports

- a. President – Joseph Hernandez was out-of-town and unable to attend.
- b. Vice President – Dwayne Privott
 - 1. Approval of January 2009 General Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Tom Claeys and seconded by Doug Norton. The minutes were approved.
 - 2. Notice of Dedication to Melanie Loe (11:45am) Melanie's parents and her partner will be present at the dedication of the plaque.
 - 3. OOCCL Update – The focus is currently on Davis Street and other issues; they are also in the process of choosing the homes for the Fall Tour. Earth Day is this Sunday at Lake Cliff from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Methodist Hospital will be providing parking and a shuttle to the park. There will be over 100 exhibitors. There are numerous home tours around Dallas in the month of April, so be sure and get out and support other neighborhoods.
 - 4. Next month is election month – get out and vote! (no endorsements by WNNA)
 - 1. Election Day – May 9, 2009
 - 2. Early Voting – April 27th – May 5th
- c. Secretary – Cindy Kirk
 - 1. Changes to by-laws – Cindy Kirk explained the revisions to the bylaws. The changes are being made in Article III re: officers and Article V regarding standing committee. A motion was made by Tom Claeys to approve the Amendment No. 3 to the WNNA Bylaws and was seconded by Lance Ivy.
- d. Treasurer – Richard London
 - 1. YTD Financials (vote on financials). A motion was made by Dean Rose to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Lance Ivy.
- e. Crime Watch – Pam Westerheide
 - 1. OMNI camera update - Pam advised that the cameras have had mixed results and that the board is currently looking into other possibilities for a vendor to provide monitoring services. Dwayne noted that Pam has put numerous hours in on this issue and that the Board really appreciates all of her hard work.
 - 2. VIP/Crime Watch Committee (include training for VIP) – Pam distributed a list of neighbors that have had VIP training. She also passed around a list requesting volunteers to help patrol the neighborhood with VIP members. VIP is a non-confrontational program. We need volunteers for roughly 1.5 hours a month from neighbors. Pam distributed another list for neighbors to sign up who are interested in attending VIP training. If you elect to receive VIP training, that doesn't require you to volunteer to patrol – we would just like to get as many people trained as possible.

3. We have not had any burglaries in the past 4-6 weeks. We have had a problem with cars having windows broken out because they are on the street. Don't park on the street if at all possible as it makes it an easy target. Never leave anything in your car – even your designer sunglasses. Keep your car in the driveway or garage and make sure your driveway is well lit.
 4. Pam advised that she has the WNNA engraving tool to put your TX DL on your electronics. This will assist the police if you are ever robbed. Take pictures and inventory your home as well, both for insurance purposes and in case you are ever robbed.
- f. Beautification – Lance Ivy**
1. Yard of the Month – March YOM is:
April YOM is Steve and Anita Johnson on Hoel
 2. Spring Clean-Up / Rain Date – Lance gave a brief overview of the goals for this year's clean-up. We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Monssen triangle. This year we are focusing on cleaning up the alleys in an effort to help VIP, and to make them accessible for police and fire trucks if ever needed. If the alleys do not give the appearance of being well maintained, they are a beacon for criminals. We are also going to be helping seniors who have requested assistance in cleaning up their alleys as well. The goal is to make the alleys passable. Volunteers need to bring gas powered weed eaters, pruning shears, mowers, gloves, etc. If it is raining, the clean-up will be pushed back to April 25th – same time, same bat channel. If you see Sandy McFeely – thank her for her help on cleaning up the green belt.
- g. Social – Aja Olson**
1. Recap of 2009 events (solicit neighbor ideas) – nothing has happened yet! But we have a lot coming up in the next few months.
 2. Upcoming Events on Saturday April 18 – This weekend is the neighborhood clean up, afterwards is the Spring Fling. Please attend the Spring Fling, the neighborhood will provide the meat, but please bring a side dish to share with others. The Spring Fling starts after the dedication of the plaque for Melanie, which will be around 12:15 p.m.
 3. Upcoming Wander is May 2nd and will be a 50's themed event. The first house is Phil Perry's home, the second home Carrie and Michael Withrow, and the last home is Steve and Anita Johnson. Tickets will be available shortly, and are \$40 per person. Aja will distribute a sign up sheet if you are interested in attending. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year – so please plan on attending!
 4. Garage Sale is scheduled for May 16th. The neighborhood will pay for the ad in the paper. Feel free to donate monies to the coffers if you feel so inclined.
- h. Communications –Tom Claeys**
1. Newsletter Distribution – Jeremy Ratliff volunteered to be the Hoel Block Captain. Mike Marr has moved into the neighborhood. Kyle Connor and Rexine 333 North Manus are new to the neighborhood as well.
 2. Directory Distribution
 3. Welcome basket update / New Neighbors
- i. Publications – John Sarlay** advised that we do have extra copies of the WNNA directory. He also asked that neighbors let him know if there are any changes that need to be made to their information. Newsletters go out quarterly and updated information will be included in the newsletters. We would also like to include events in the neighborhood – so let us know those special dates, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Tom Claeys paid for the new revised directory. The Board decided to put Tom's business card on the directory as a thank-you for sponsoring the cost of the directory.

- j. Special Projects –Dean Rose advised that everyone who signed up for email notifications should be receiving the email blasts. Let Dean or Tom know if you want to be on the list or if you are not receiving the email blasts. There is also a calendar on the website that can be updated very quickly if needed. The new Oak Cliff online is also linked on the website.

IV. New Business

John Tackleberry proposed addressing neighborhood lightening as an issue that should be addressed by the Crime Watch Committee or Special Projects.

Terry and Janice suggested that next year WNNA include a float in the Bishops Mardi Gras parade.

Lance asked if we want to include Jan./Feb. in the YOM. The membership voiced the general opinion that they would like to include Jan/Feb, but keep December as lights only.

- V. Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.