

GENERAL MEETING OF THE WYNNEWOOD NORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
APRIL 15, 2010

- I. Call Meeting to Order. Lynn Sulander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lynn introduced this year's Board.
- II. Approval of February 11, 2010 WNNA Board of Director Minutes and March 25, 2010 Special Meeting of the WNNA. A motion was made by Mary Scherer to approve the minutes and seconded by Susan. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.
- III. Departmental Reports
 - a. President – Lynn Sulander
 - b. Treasurer – Richard London. At the beginning of the year we have income of \$1,120.00. We have administration expenses of \$500. Triangle Maintenance 327.57.00. Social expense 348.07. Newsletters were 205.30, voicemail and 29.37 89.40 for 1493.71. 8435.75 is the ending balance. A motion was made by Janice Coffee to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Silver Poteete.
 - c. Secretary – Cindy Kirk. Cindy presented the proposed changes to the bylaws regarding Article III, 3.02 regarding election of officer in October vs. January, and article IV, 4.3 which would allow for the board to vote by email. The floor was open to discussion. Questions included if the board would still need to have a quorum in order to vote by email – yes; also if there would be discretion used as to what topic would be voted on in person vs. email. A motion was made by Cindy Kirk to amend the bylaws and seconded by Marge Flowers. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Beautification – Jeremy Ratliff – Jeremy advised that this weekend is the neighborhood clean-up. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the greenbelt for your clean-up assignments and bring the appropriate tools and trash bags. If it is raining, the make-up date is May 1, 2010.
Yard of the Month -
Price and Gary – February YOM
663 N. Manus – March - Ronnie and Maurice
515 S. Manus – April YOM

Our neighborhood has been hit hard with tree damage from the recent snow storm. Something to be thinking about is that we need to start planting trees on our own property. Jeremy met with Jimmy and prepared a list of trees that are good to plant in our area and trees that are not as good. We will be working with the City of Dallas regarding reforestation of our greenbelt.

Karen Woodard – City of Dallas hired Karen in September 2008 as the City Forester. Prior to working for Dallas, she worked with the Texas Forest Service. The City of Dallas does not have tree crews, but the parks department has groups that work on tree crews as needed. There is no designated tree crew. South Dallas was the hardest hit during the recent storm. Oak Cliff has a lot of Live Oaks and Red Cedar trees which aren't meant to hold heavy snow. Live Oaks grow horizontal, so the branch damage from the storm was extensive. Where you plant is very important and proper pruning is also imperative. This will help minimize damage to your property and damage to the tree. Reforestation has limitations as to where plants can be planted. A parkway is defined as the space between a sidewalk and the back of a curb. The easement is the area that usually doesn't have a sidewalk. The City of Dallas is not in a position to maintain city planted trees, that is the neighborhood's responsibility. The city doesn't trim trees and doesn't remove trees. With the city's budget, this will get worse because parks and recreations budget will get hit first. Mowing will be less frequently. Karen offered her business card and a list of trees to plant.

Contractors for Oncor are the ones who trim the trees around the electrical wires. The issue is not the tree hitting the line, it is also the ability of the contractors to have a clear line for their electrical lines. The city should have had specifications for pruning in the contract they signed with them. – and Oncor needs to step up and also do a better job by having neighborhood meetings, etc. After the storm there will always be triage – moving as quickly as possible after a storm. But if we don't come back and fix the triage, we are creating problems in the future.

Parkway – is only the space between the sidewalk and the street. Karen will find what the general easement is from the street. There is a good selection of trees varying from large trees to smaller trees, some with color, etc. The tree selection takes into account that fact that we have shallow soil and rock. A good tree for our soil is Chinkapin Oak. Greenbelt – we can pick up trash and pick up downed limbs. If you can't put your hand around a limb and bring it down, you shouldn't be trimming it. Joe Reece is the District Manager to call regarding pruning issues. The city signed a 15 years contract with Oncor. Karen will be there on Saturday to answer questions.

Larry Taylor was not able to attend. The Greenbelt falls under Parks and Recreations and Flood Control.

Question: What were the signs in the greenbelt stating it was a no mowing wildflower zone. We were originally informed that due to budget constraints, they had listed the greenbelt as an area to not mow. Actually these were wildflower parks being put throughout the City – we had been slated as an area to have wildflowers. We are trying to get back on the list for wildflower plantings.

A resident stated that there have been incidents of individuals trimming vines and taking down trees and that is not allowed under the law. That is what the signs are in many

- e. Social – Ben Bledsoe. Spring Fling will be in the greenbelt this weekend. If it rains, Lynn Sulander’s home will be the back-up plan. If the clean-up is cancelled then the Spring Fling will be moved to May 1st.

We still need two homes to volunteer for the Spring Wander. Ben requested volunteers to host. There were no takers.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – Interest was expressed in having a neighborhood garage sale. Kidd Springs is having their sale on May 22nd so we will look at having the garage sale on that date as well.

f. Vice President – Jeff Falin

1. Grant update – Jeff advised that they had passed out forms and set up an application online for ideas regarding the Loving My Community grant. No ideas were submitted, so we will be passing on applying for that grant this year. The OOCCL grant application is due in May. That grant money is a 60/40 split. A suggestion was made to add house numbers in the alley.
2. BOA update – Jeff gave a summary of the proposed redevelopment. BOA posted their full application on the TDCHA website. The link to the application is posted on the WNNA website. Issues raised by neighborhood meetings. You can voice your opinion by emailing the TDCHA.
 1. 40 year Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA)
Question raised regarding if the letter submitted to the TDCHA should be changed to a letter of opposition. (Discussion tabled until the end of Jeff’s presentation).
 2. Senior Housing – 55 and older. New facts have arisen around this issue.
 3. Pratt Access
 4. Loss of mature trees
 5. Redvelopment of Wynnewood Village – our demographics are heavily slanted towards subsidized housing. Dave Neumann has advised the Kroger will upgrade the store in Wynnewood if the pending referendum is passed allowing the sale of beer and wine. Dave also met with the owners of Wynnewood Village. The owners were not notified of the BOA project. The owners of the Wynnewood Village are willing to meet with us as well – but that will not be until sometime in June.
 6. Andy Shell reported on his meeting with BOA and Humphry’s. BOA was very responsive as to the detail they currently know. They would like to have more senior housing next to this project, but the State would need to work with them on the LURA in carving out. If BOA wanted to – they could build 4 stories and 1600 units. That is 4 times what is presently there. Andy feels

that BOA has done a good job of maintaining the property but the costs are to the point of becoming prohibitive. Andy said the houses are old units and have taken a lot of abuse. They are looking for buildings that are sustainable. They are not seeking LEED Certification. Fencing was included in the design.

Residential discussion regarding the LURA and the development. Opinions were voiced in support of the BOA development and against the project. Agreement that we need to participate as much as possible and work with neighborhood association at the Parks.

A motion was made by Mary Scherer as to if this neighborhood wants to go on the record as to their opinion and seconded by Ben Bledsoe. Open Discussion. The vote was retracted by Mary Scherer after discussion. A motion was made by Vicky Pasteur to change the content of our original letter to the TDCHA to “Oppose” from “Support” unless the following conditions are met, the motion was seconded by Doug Norton.

7 opposed the motion
25 in favor

g. Crime Watch – Donna Libby

h. Publications – John Sarlay

1. “Opt-out” of printed newsletter

i. Communications – Jane Sullivan

j. Special Projects – Dean Rose

k. New Items – Sandy McFeely spoke regarding the greenbelt parkway. Marge Flowers also spoke about the incident.

Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.