

**Balcones Civic Association Executive Committee Meeting
17 Aug. 2005 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order – 7:05 PM by Mary Tannahill, Acting President

Executive Committee Members in attendance: Tony Aterno, Rick Bradstreet, Elizabeth Gunter, Jack Jennings, Linda Keeling, Joe Makeever, John Rhodes, Mary Tannahill, Ann Trentin, and Monroe Zoch.

Crime report – APD Sr. Officer Mike Dunn. Officer Dunn gave us detailed YTD crime statistics that were presented at the Aug. 9 NW Area Commander's Forum. Compared to the first six months of 2004, total violent crime in the northwest area of the city is down 27%. (Violent crime includes murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.) However, total property crime in the NW area was up 12% in the first 6 months compared to 2004. Property crime includes burglaries of residences and businesses, burglaries of vehicles (classified as thefts), and auto thefts. Most of the burglaries of residences in the NW area were the result of people leaving garage doors open during the daytime. Burglary of vehicle (BOV) hot spots in or near our neighborhood in the months of April, May, and June were the various apartment complexes on Wood Hollow and Greystone Drives, and the Mesa Village condos on Steck Ave.

Administrative Items

1. Minutes from July meeting – Elizabeth Gunter. Elizabeth has issued a draft of the minutes of the July 20 meeting. Mary T. has made a couple of minor corrections and will send out a final version of Elizabeth's minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report – Jack Jennings. Jack has opened a new account for us at First State Bank, at the corner of Spicewood Springs and Mesa. This bank is based in Temple, TX. Jack will close our account at First American Bank. Balance in the new account is \$3,020 with \$315 remaining in the old account.

Old Business

1. Traffic patrol update – Jack Jennings. Jack has set up this month's patrol for Aug. 18 with the Sheriff's deputy. We discussed waiting about scheduling more traffic patrols until we receive fall membership dues. However, this would mean that we would not have any paid patrols at all in Sept. and Oct., since our next Exec. Committee meeting is not until Oct. 19. Rick Bradstreet made a motion that we appropriate funds for one patrol in Sept. and one patrol in Oct. to keep our momentum going. (Cost is \$180 for each 4-hr patrol.) The motion was seconded by Joe Makeever. The motion carried by 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

New Business

A. Plan for Sept. 20 annual meeting – All

1. Time and location for meeting: 7 PM, Anderson High School theater.

Mary T. asked that BCA Exec. Committee members arrive at 6:30 that evening in order to get everything organized.

2. Distribute maps of our neighborhood at registration – Belinda Herrera; distribute bulletin about deed restrictions and oak wilt newsletter from 1997 – Mary T. Mary will get copies of the map made.
3. Topics for discussion Sept. 20 and speakers
 - a) Crime report – Sr. Officer Mike Dunn. Officer Dunn will present a summary of crime in the northwest area for 2005 year-to-date.
 - b) Update on coyote removal; status of toll roads; update on Mesa-Greystone water mains project – Brewster McCracken, Austin City Council. Tom Arbuckle has contacted Mr. McCracken's office about him attending our Sept. 20 annual meeting. So far, his schedule looks open that night.
 - c) Publicize BCA website features and recognize new BCA webmaster, Thomas Hudson – Tom Arbuckle. Tom A. will emphasize the new information available on our website, such as how to get deed restrictions, how to find site development regulations in the Land Development code, etc.
 - d) Traffic patrol update – Ann Trentin. After she gives the traffic patrol update, Ann will announce that anyone who wants traffic patrols on streets other than Adirondack Trail and Wildridge Dr. should attend a BCA Exec. Committee monthly meeting and present this request to us.
 - e) Ask for volunteers for newsletter committee; discuss need for new sector reps for all Sectors (1-2 reps each) – Tom A. After giving a brief description of the duties of the sector reps, Tom will describe the boundaries of each sector and will point out the location in the theater where each sector will meet to hold elections for new representatives.
- B. BCA Fall 2005 newsletter – Mary distributed draft copies of the newsletter for comment. She will deliver the newsletter to the printing company on Aug. 22. About 3,000 printed copies will be distributed immediately after Labor Day.
- C. New President, Vice Pres., and Secretary for Oct. 2005 – Sept. 2006. Mary stated that no one has volunteered for any of these positions yet.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Monroe Zoch & Mary Tannahill, Joint Acting Secretary