

June 21, 2010

HPWBNA Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Tonianne Soster, Carolyn Robinson, Kirby Walker, Scott Rogillo, David Obermann, Susan Fannin, Chereen Fisher, Trey McWhorter

Neighborhood Residents Present

Lazan Pargaman, Donna Edgar, Allison and Clint Small, Margaret and George Liebes

Minutes

Board reviewed 5/17 notes, no changes made, David motion to approve, seconded by Kirby

Meeting commenced at 7:07pm

Events Update

4th of July

Plans for the 4th of July festivities continue. Actual event will take place on Saturday, July 3rd, with awards for various contests happening at 9am and the parade commencing at 9:30am from Highland Park Elementary, led by Pack 59 of the Cub Scouts. There will also be an audience participation reading of the Declaration of Independence. There will be hot-dogs this year!

Promotion of the event will occur with neighborhood signs and the listserve. Volunteers are needed for set-up and tear-down and other event activities. The upcoming crime meeting will be promoted at the event as well.

Movies in the Park

October 17 (Sunday after ACL Festival), at dusk (Monday is school festival) in conjunction with the HPWBNA annual meeting (to promote good turnout). Movie has not yet been selected. There will be an informal meeting on July 27th to discuss movie ideas and ideas to raise funds. This event exceeds the budget allocated and therefore sponsorships are being sought (to fill ~\$300-\$400 gap), and may consider accepting donations at the movie.

Alamo Drafthouse will put on the show (contact is Ashley Hartsfield at Alamo Drafthouse for roadshows) and estimated costs are \$937 (Alamo Drafthouse costs) + \$150 (generator) – cost to put on (includes tax exemption price reduction). Electronic

copy of sales tax exemption still needed. Movies cost \$150 - \$250 to rent and we will also need an amplified sound permit (~\$30)

Crime and Safety

There has been a dramatic increase in crime in the HPWBNA area, with a burglary of either home or vehicle occurring on average every 5 days. It has become clear that we as a neighborhood must organize a more active watch program to combat this persistent crime problem. In fact, it is the successful implementation of neighborhood watch programs in neighboring communities (Allandale, for example) that is in part responsible for the shift in crime out of those neighborhoods and into ours.

Tonianne Soster is leading an effort to organize a program for HPWBNA and has attended a couple of meetings to support that, including the following:

- * Constable Community Outreach Program

- * Block Captain safety mtg

The initial effort in our own neighborhood will focus on developing block programs (APD recommends every 10th house as block captain) – we have 1800 households, so need to recruit a large number of folks. Additional actions which should support the rapid mobilization of motivated residents include:

- * Better communication by encouraging residents to join the listserve, yahoo group – we need to get the word out what the extra steps are to support that

- * Neighborhood watch planning meeting, which will be promoted on the listserve, website, with signs, etc.

- o Inviting Drew Bixby, has an application (only available through iPhone) to monitor your own house

- * Rep from above program and from APD to review crime reports and rep from Barton Hills (where citizens on patrol is very active)

- * Recommending a Monthly column – crimewatch safety tip

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Tonianne Soster for more information.

Community Comments

5402 Ridge Oak Construction Discussion

Both parties (Clint & Allison Smalls, Donna Edgar) presented the details of their dispute related to the planned construction project.

Approved 5/17/ 10 minutes