

WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

THURSDAY, April 17, 2014

Location: HighPoint

Lynn Sulander calls general meeting to order at 6:55pm.

Brian Davis introduces Amy Cowan of Go Oak Cliff who talks about how the organization started by writing newsletters with positive news to help out the area. Go Oak Cliff help host 4 or 5 activities per year. Amy mentions that that Wynnewood North hasn't really participated previously. The next upcoming event will be Blues, Bandits and BBQ at Kidd Spring Park.

Amy mentions that there are many different costs and sponsorship levels. Volunteer opportunities are also available. There are also philanthropic events that help the local Oak Cliff area to help bring more money to our area.

Phil Perry goes next and announces the yard of the month winners. Phil comments on the great amount of participation for beautification on the "Its my park day" with the city Dallas.

Next, Mr Sam Franklin from city of Dallas speaks to the group. Mr Franklin is a community program coordinator and beautification. He is announces the city is finally renovating the Keist Trail after 10 years of planning. Mr Franklin also talks about how the city has been planting lots of trees in the Oak Cliff area. The city just planted 150 trees in Daniel Park. He would really like it if Wynnewood North to get involved with tree plantings. He also mentions how Friends of Oak Cliff parks is very active in the area and suggested to reach out and assist in order to help take better ownership of the greenbelt. Mr Franklin also mentions that the city of Dallas just moved the regional headquarters for the parks department to Oak Cliff.

Jeff Sappenfield then introduces Officer Zafraney (sp?) from the Southwest station. The officer erroneously says that since the beginning of the year there were no crimes, to which there were many individuals who politely disagreed. The officer then discussed not opening the door for anyone and always talking through the door. He also spoke positively about the VIP program. He also mentions that when school is out there is a spike in crime so if you see kids when they should be in school or look out of place, call 911. The officer also mentions that theft of plants often spikes in spring. Also there are IRS phone scams where a person is threatened that officers from Dallas threat from city of Dallas. All of these are fake.

Brian Davis then comes up to speak and mentions that it's very tight for having meetings at High Point. Brian is talking to Orion Room at the Bank of America building to see if we can return to having meetings there. Brian also gives special thanks to Pat Parish for reaching out to Scott Griggs to finding out about status of Llewellyn. The purpose is to reduce through the traffic, trash and potentially crime. There is a conference call tentatively scheduled next week to discuss the blocking the road.

Neva Dean (spelling?) and Diana Larence (spelling?) from the city of Dallas Zoning department speak next. Depending on what direction the neighborhood wants to go will define the rules and regulations to help protect our neighborhood. They ask for the neighborhood to think about what is important to our neighborhood; protecting architectural integrity; Preventing McMansions; Landscaping? We write our conservation districts with assistance from the city.

Conservation districts are there to protect and preserve the area and help grow the neighborhood. There are 17 conservation districts in city of Dallas and they are in the speaker's opinion the strongest neighborhoods in the city.

Stevens Park is latest conservation district however that process to over two years.

Fallyn Gray comes up to give the social update. The Spring Fling is Saturday at noon and bring your own sides. There will be bounce house, easter egg hunt and cookout. The March happy hour had 50+ at The Local Oak. On May 3rd the neighborhood garage sale will take place. The Spring Wander is coming up, 40 dollars per person to go neighborhood.

Lynn Sulander speaks at 8:00 pm and asks if there are any questions about minutes from the previous meeting. There is a discussion about where the minutes are hosted which is tabled for further research. There is a motion to approve from Silver Potete (sp?) Phanessa Romero seconds. The motion pass unanimously.

Denise Requardt then comes up to talk about the neighborhood coffers. Over 700 dollars have come in since Jan 1 2014. There is a motion to approve the treasurer's report by Suzanne (LASTNAME) Richard (LASTNAME) seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

There are a few general questions after Lynn opens the floor. A resident asks about what happened to access to the dog park? According to Brian Davis, High Point hasn't yet defined the rules for the residents so they haven't allowed neighbors. Ardell Mitchell also mentions how he has documented many of the violations that the Wynnewood Shopping center has done over the years.

Lynn Sulander adjourns the meeting at 8:25.