

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE WYNNEWOOD NORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
JULY 19, 2007**

AGENDA

- I. **Call Meeting to Order/Approval of prior General Meeting Minutes** – President.
- II. **Introduction of Guest Speaker** – Melissa Person from the Dallas Police Department. Officer Person discussed the VIP Program – Volunteers on Patrol – a non-confrontational support group that helps with observation of the neighborhood.

Learn Observation Skills – learn to observe traits that don't change, like shoes, facial hair, tattoos, anything that stands out. When observing a car – make and model, but you can also tell the operator if it is 4-door, 2-door, color, lights out on a car, brake lights working? Foreign or American, bumper stickers, damage, rust, primer on the car – anything that makes it unique. Learning where you are and learning to observe can help insure your personal safety. In observing - the number one priority is to stay safe and non-confrontational.

Note taking – most crimes are property crimes. Normally burglaries during the day.

Requirements – to go through the VIP Training.

1. must be 21 years old
2. must have a valid Texas driver's license
3. must not have any B or C misdemeanors in the last five years
4. must not have any DWI's.

Contact Andy Shell if you are interested in joining the VIP Program and he will coordinate scheduling a training class. The training is a one day class usually from 8:00 a.m. until around 4:00 p.m. The schedule is flexible. In today's world, police officers no longer patrol "beats". The Dallas Police Department is over 1000 officers short, but they need more police officers before that will happen. That is why the VIP program and Crime Watch Programs are so important. Those programs help the police by being the eyes and ears for their assigned beat. Citizen involvement helps crime go down. Maximum enrollment is 20 per class. WNNA neighbors who have attended the course include: Larry Libby, Andy Shell, Robert Curlin and others. All voiced what a positive experience it was, and how motivating it was to see how the system worked. Melanie noted that her vision for the neighborhood was to get as many neighbors as possible involved in the VIP Program in order to augment the OW cameras.

III. Department Reports

- a. President – Melanie Loe – A motion was made by Jane Sullivan to approve the minutes from the last quarterly meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Wicker. The motion carried and the Quarterly Minutes were approved.
- b. Vice President – Lorin Combs. We will start collecting recipes from the neighborhood and also from some of our favorite restaurants. The goal is to have the cookbooks ready to sell by October. Please send your submissions to any WNNA officer at officers@wynnewoodnorth.org.
- c. Beautification – Mike Wicker. Mike reported on the new plantings in the triangles, the uplighting and the new signage. The cost to maintain the triangles is \$2,400 a year. Mike also encouraged everyone to maintain and mow their lawns on a weekly basis. If you have a neighbor whose lawn is out of control, and you know your neighbor, talk to them, if they need help, help them. Also remember to keep your alley cleared.
- d. Treasure – Robert Curlin - Approval of Treasurer’s report. Robert reported that our General Fund was at it’s lowest point due to having to match the funds from the OOCCL grant. The neighborhood is a non-profit organization and is tax deductible. In addition, donations made me made on the website through PayPal. Robert also announced that he needed to resign from the position as Treasure due to work and health issues. A motion was made by Mike Wicker and Doug Norton to approve the Treasures report. The motion carried.
- e. Crime Watch – Andy Shell
 - 1. OW update – We have received many calls on the hotline questioning as to why we have not solved any crimes by using the cameras. Ten of the camera’s are functional and new routers have been ordered for the two cameras that are not working.
 - 2. VIP Training – If you are interested in attending VIP training, please notify Andy.
 - 3. Quarterly crime report prepared by Terry Thomas.
- f. Activities – Don Henderson.

Don gave an update on National Night Out and encouraged everyone to attend. We will be having hotdogs, lemonade and we will also be having a bake sale. We will have digi-id kits available for all families with

children. With the kits you will be able to keep a fingerprint and DNA record of your child.

We will also be hosting a Movies on the Lawn in October. We will have beverages and popcorn for sale.

We still needs hosts for the Fall Wanter which is scheduled for October 20th. Please call Don if you are interested in hosting and would like to volunteer.

- g. Communications – John Ridgley (on vacation) Melanie showed the association our new welcome baskets. Tom Clays, one of our new neighbors on Woolsey was given the basket.
- h. Publications – Laurie Wright. Melanie apologized for the format of the newsletter and advised the formatting was due to timing issues. Overwhelmingly, neighbors stated that the stapled format was fine and found the format acceptable since it was cheaper to print.
- i. Special Projects – Gail Ridgley (on vacation) The website has been updated.
- j. Secretary – Cindy Kirk

IV. New Items

- a. Board vacancies – Melanie Loe announced that we had two vacancies on the Board at the positions of Publications and Treasurer. Richard London and Doug Norton volunteered to fill the vacancies. Richard and Doug were unanimously approved by the membership present at the WNNNA Quarterly meeting to fill the vacant positions. Melanie thanked Robert Curin and Laurie Wright for their prior service to the Board.

V. Meeting Adjourned