

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016**

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Brian Davis.
- II. **Guest Speakers**
- III. **Texas Central Railway Presentation – Rebecca Cowle – Texas Central** Privately funded and will go 205 miles an hours. There will be three stations, Dallas, Brazos Valley and Houston, trains will leave every 30 minutes. Dallas to Houston will take 90 minutes. This train has a 51 year 100% safety record, low emissions and environmentally friendly. On top performance record of 36 seconds. Majority of the system will be built up off the ground. They will begin construction next year and employ approximately 1000 full time jobs and approximately 10,000 employees while the rail is being built. Direct economic impact to Texas of \$36 billion. In Dallas, we have one person moving to Texas every 5 minutes. 100 feet in width, as need arises, we will run trains more frequently. High speed rail is comfortable and they are running a two by two equivalent. The width of the train is 11ft wide so interior will be comfortable. Pricing will be based on demand. Following existing high voltage transmission lines. Hope to begin construction next year. After construction begins, they anticipate they will finish it within 5 years. Hope to have it operational by 12/31/2021 and no later than 2022.
- IV. **Wildlife Presentation – Bonnie Bradshaw – Wildlife** update on the Coyotes we have been seeing in the Greenbelt. Science and facts are counter to what you may feel. Coyotes are thriving in major cities. They are having larger litters and more of their offspring are surviving. Chicago started a study 15 years ago. There are now 900 coyotes with trackers on them in Chicago. Dallas easily has 1000 coyotes. Coyotes are eating 42% mice, rats and squirrels and 23% fruit, 18% rabbits, 13% birds and 4% insects, 2% discarded human food and 1% cats. Coyotes are not pack animals. Average of 5 people bitten by coyotes a year, mostly in southern California. It's against the law to trap and relocate a coyote in Texas. If they are trapped, they will be killed. The more we trap and kill, the more they produce larger litters. To lessen their numbers you need to restrict food supply. Bird feeders is a huge source of protein for rats and squirrels, which in turn feed coyotes. Dog poop is a buffet for rats and possums. L-shaped barrier under a patio, deck or walkway can prevent access to burrowing animals or keep them from returning once they have been evicted by other means. If you see a coyote roaming the neighborhood, haze the coyote by clapping, loud noise and/or spray with water. bonnie@911wildlife.com 214-368-5911. If your dog weighs less than 10 pounds is at risk in your back yard. They are contracted with the City of Dallas.
- V. **Officer Martinez – Crime stats** for the past 3 months. Feb. 9th, home burglary, used a shovel to break a window and gain entry. On Feb. 10th, burglary on 300 block of North Manus – theft of package. Has met with Jeff Sappenfield and discussed the theft of packages. Amazon Prime is the most difficult to have change the time of deliveries. The best theft protection is the buddy system and let them know when your package is coming. Appears to be the new crime trend. On Fed. Ex and UPS take out the insurance and require a signature. Police are walking properties and trying to saturate.

VI. Oak Cliff Deck Park Presentation – Paul Carden - Chair of the Citizen’s task force to improve the Southern Gateway. There is already 80% funding for a deck park. The Regional Transportation Counsel (TRC).

VII. Approval of January General Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Cynthia Michaels and Fallyn. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Officer Reports.

- a. Treasurer – Denise – As of March 31, 2016 we started advertising again. We brought in \$575 in advertising. The Tom Thumb and Kroger match programs are \$81.11, YTD donations are \$211.00 Total funds on hand are \$13,193.36 and CD’s are \$3095.66. There was an error in the report so the report will be approved at the next general meeting.
- b. Vice President – Fallyn – Discussion of grant application and what we want to ask for. The OOCCL grant pays 60% and we would pay 40%. Brian spoke about a mural entry on Polk. Tracy Lofts spoke on Kidd Springs swimming, Cindy Kirk spoke on SSNOW, and Ric Shanahan spoke on Spring Fling, Beth spoke on funding for the newsletter and publisher software. Ballots were passed out and all of the proposed projects passed.
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- d. Beautification – Cynthia Michaels – Utility box is gone and so is the cabling that was hanging down. Solar lights were stolen, but they are going to replace them. Ten on Tuesdays – people are participating and that’s great! Some of the alleys are bad, try and clean your own part of your alley and keep it clean. Met with the forester about dead trees and cleaning up some of the area and trees that are blocking the flow of the creek. Focus will be on weeding the triangles.
- e. Communications - Janice Coffee – No report.
- f. Crime Watch – Jeff Sappenfield – VIP raffle winners for the quarter: Terry Thomas, Gail Mitchell and Jan Nunn
- g. Publications – Newsletters should have been delivered. If you have any articles you would like published in the newsletter, have an article to Beth prior to March and it will be included. Additional copies of the Directories are available through Janice. If you want a second copy you need to pay at \$1.00.
- h. Social – Ric Shanahan – This weekend is the Clean-up, and May 14th is the Wander. 439 N. Manus has her art displayed and it is for sale. 2nd house is at Brian’s and third house is Ric and Colters. Also coming in May will be Movie’s on the Lawn – children movies and then adult themed movies.
- i. President – No report
- i. Webmaster – No report
- j. Secretary – No report
- k. Parent Liaison – No report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.