



**Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2009**

- I. Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm Officers present were Joseph Hernandez, Dwayne Privott, Dean Rose, Lance Ivy, Aja Olson, John Sarlay, Pam Westerheide, and Richard London. Not present was Cindy Kirk and Tom Claeys. Joseph announced that the guest speaker would address us prior to moving through the agenda items.
- II. Herb Ebsen of the Dallas Police Department was introduced as a guest speaker.
 - a. Crime statistics for our neighborhood in the last 30 days included one burglary attempt and the perpetrators were caught. No other reports were filed.
 - b. Herb encouraged the neighborhood to report suspicious activity. Suspicious activity was defined as anything that you self-define as suspicious. He explain to the group that “neighbors know who belongs and does not belong in the neighborhood”.
 - c. Ebsen stated “If you ever see a human being that is not a neighbor, call 911 as that person is probably up to no good.”
 - d. Police will “jump on” a suspicious person call since it is a crime that is about to possibly happen. If there is a vehicle involved...get the license plate. It is the best possible piece of information that you can give since it is specific to one vehicle.
 - e. Protect your home so that you will not be a victim. Ebsen volunteered to come back and show the neighborhood how to fortify our homes.
 - f. Response times: Ebsen stated that he did not want the neighbors to get discouraged about the response times. He stated that the calls that come in are prioritized and it is the 911 operators that categorize the calls.
 - i. If someone jumps a fence and that gets reported through 911 it will be a low priority. A call to 911 stating that that same person is “breaking into my neighbor’s house” would be a high priority call.
 - g. Hang-ups and open line calls are a priority 1 call automatically according to the 911 protocols.
 - h. The perpetrators of the July 3rd burglary were charged with attempted burglary.
 - i. Pam Westerheide invited Ebsen back to address the group about fortifying homes.
 - j. Joseph spoke about the lack of crime instances in our area as a possible outcome of the efforts of the VIP program.
- III. Department Reports
 - A. **Crime Watch** – Pam Westerheide deferred to Lynn Sulander, who recapped the July 3rd burglary incident and the role that Christine Connelly played in scaring off the perpetrators and making enough noise to alert nearby neighbors. Pam advised the group that about half the cameras are active. Pam thanked the neighborhood for their being active in the neighborhood and reiterated that the 911 operators are not the police and that we should not be intimidated by them when we call. New VIPs



- announced and were congratulated since a recent group had completed their required VIP training. Pam offered that the board would assist seniors with clearing their alleys for crime patrol purposes. Vicki Patsdauter expressed gratitude about the VIP patrols and the sense of security for the patrols. Lance Ivy suggested looking at ways to leverage technology like Twitter or other texting programs for pushing out information around crimes in progress. John Tackaberry suggested a “clean-up” of unoccupied houses’ yards. Joseph agreed to check out the city ordinances around overgrown yards.
- B. **Approval of the Minutes** – Kyle Connor made the motion and Janice Coffee seconded to approved the minutes from the last meeting . The motion passed unanimously
- C. **President** –Joseph announced that a new senior community will be built near Home Depot and *La Reunion* will be a new development near Fort Worth Ave. It will be a West Village type development with mixed use, both residential units and retail. Joseph also mentioned that there has been no movement on the Wynnewood Village development. He then talked about the Oakcliff Chamber of Commerce and their regular meetings held at Top of OakCliff.
- D. **Vice President** – Dwayne spoke about the OOCCL projects including widening of I30 and the 35th anniversary of the creation of the organization. He mentioned the OOCCL Home tour and asked the group to consider volunteering to allow their homes to be part of the tour. Jon Sarlay asked if any Wynnewood North homes were being considered. Dwayne mentioned that one home had volunteered. But was not at liberty to divulge the information at this time since it had not been officially announce. Dwayne briefed the group that last year that the Home Tour raised \$40,000 and these monies are used to give grants to the neighborhood associations. To date only \$8,400 of that Home Tour funds had been give out in the form of grants. Therefore, the OOCCL is considering grant requests outside of the normal application period. The OOCCL has adopted a motto “Oakcliff, Keep it Real” and bumper stickers are available as fund raisers
- E. **Treasurer – Richard London.** Richard gave the Treasurers report stated that the overall ending balance of \$10666.16. Motion to approve by Doug Norton Seconded by Lynn Sulander. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. **Social – Aja Olson** recapped the Spring Fling and the Spring Wander. She announced that National night out was coming up for October. Joseph clarified that National night out is an event to increase awareness and neighborhood participation. The event is traditionally held on Hoel. The Wander has been set for October 24th. Aja asked for ideas from the group on new social events. Aja announced that she has all four homes secured for the Fall Wander.
- G. **Communications** – Tom Claeys was not present. Joseph explained the role of the office, confirmed that residents received their newsletters. He then asked new neighbors to introduce themselves. There were 5 new neighbors in attendance.



- H. **Publications** – **John Sarlay** announced that the neighborhood needs to show its appreciation to the advertisers in the newsletters and he encouraged the group to patronize the advertisers. He encouraged neighbors to submit anniversaries and special dates to be announced in the newsletter. Joseph added a comment on a section in the newsletter of “Get to Know Your Neighbors” to personalize the publication.

- I. **New Business** –
 - a. Lance Ivy asked for volunteers for a Beatification committee to assist with planning projects for the neighborhood. Four neighbors volunteered, Donna Libby, Jimmy Turner, Bob Roberts, and Maurice Winters
 - b. Janice Coffee briefed the group about the state of Adamson High School being targeted for demolition by DISD. She asked that the group supports any movement that arises that will preserve Adamson High School.

- J. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm