

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE WYNNEWOOD NORTH  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
July 15, 2010**

- I. Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.**
  
- II. Approval of April 15, 2010 WNNA General Meeting Minutes.** Mary Scherer moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Joseph Hernandez. The motion was approved.
  
- III. Departmental Reports**
  - a. President – Lynn Sulander**
    - 1. 2011 Board Elections next meeting –** Board elections will be at the next general meeting. Elections will take place in October, but new officers will not take over until January.
    - 2. Parks at Wynnewood Update –** Dave Neumann recommended to the City Council on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to approve the 108 loan funding. There are still additional approval steps to take place before BOA receives any tax credits.
    - 3. Yard of the Month –** May – 715 Mayrant, June 523 Hoel, July – 520 Monssen.
  
  - b. Treasure – Richard London**
    - 1. Approval of Treasurer’s Report –** YTD balance is \$8,089.46 Richard reminded members that donations are down, but our expenses remain the same. Richard asked that we please donate and to remember we are a non-profit. Also remember to link your Kroger card so that we receive monies from that as well.
  
  - c. Crime Watch – Donna Libby**
    - 1. Crime report –** No crime to report! We know of stolen pots and another small incident, but those were not reported to the police. Please call in any theft or problem, no matter how small as that is how resources are allocated. Donna encouraged all VIP members to volunteer at least one patrol a month – that is only 90 minutes. It is a great way to get to know a neighbor, or become better friends with neighbors you already know. There are lots of positives, including getting history of the neighborhood, landscape ideas, and friendly waves from your neighbors, etc. Get involved!
  
    - 2. Raffle –** drawing for a gift cards for VIP members who have patrolled. The more times you patrol, the higher your chances will be of winning next month.

- d. **Social – Benjamin Bledsoe**
1. **National Night Out - October 5, 2010.** The purpose of NNO is for neighbors to gather and get to know each other and to be aware of crime.
  2. **Fall Wander – October 16, 2010.** We have one host home, but we need at least 2 more host homes for the Wander.
- e. **Publications – John Sarlay**
1. **Newsletter – This was the first newsletter we have sent out electronically.** Newsletters are still being distributed if you are not on the email blast list. If you would like to receive an electronic version, please let John know.
  2. **Directory – We will also be updating the directory this year and will distribute electronically in PDF form.** If you don't have email access, we will still distribute a paper copy. By going electronic, we will be able to publish the directory more often since cost is a huge concern.
    - **Sponsorship – if anyone is interested in sponsoring the newsletter or directory, please let us know.** If anyone is interested in taking out an advertisement, please let us know as well.
    - **Let John know if you would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter or directory.**
- f. **Communications – Jane Sullivan**
1. **Block Captains – we are looking for volunteer back-up captains who can help pass out materials when needed.** We are also looking for Block Captains. Ideally, we would of course love to have Block Captains who live on the street. Also let Jane know if you there are any new neighbors.

#### **IV. Reforestation and Wildflower Projects**

- a. **Wildflower – Karen Woodard provided information regarding the wildflower program.**
- Step 1 - First they mow and use herbicide to kill anything that would prevent growth of the wildflower seeds. They do this from Aug. 2 – Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- Step2 – prepare the soil – Sept. 1 through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**
- Step 3 – sowing of the wildflower seeds with sandy loam. Planting is determined by adequate rainfall. Germination depends on various factors.**
- There are 3 areas proposed for the wildflowers but this all depends on budget cuts. Those areas are Pratt, Bizerte, and Llewellyn. These areas are in the greenbelt and get all day sunlight. The process of sowing the seed is to sow it closer to the tree line, not the curb. There is always a 15 foot easement. After the flowers brown, they allow 2 weeks for the flowers to re-seed, so the flowers will not be mowed prior to that time. Wildflower areas may only be mowed a couple of times a year. Mowing**

depends on the city budget – currently there are 500 layoffs scheduled. The layoffs are primarily in Parks and the Libraries. Mowing cycles are going from 15 days to 21 days. Karen agreed that she will have Larry let us know when they plan to start the planting process.

**b. Reforestation - Karen Woodard – City Forester**

There are two separate reforestation projects. The reforestation fund was established to replant trees that are to be replaced on any public areas – this includes public parks and residential easements.

Most of the trees in our parks are old and need to be replaced. In the month of August, the parks will be walking the greenbelt to decide where to plant new trees. The city will only plant the approved list of trees. We can sponsor trees such as Dogwoods that aren't on the approved list of trees. We will be planting 20-30 trees. Karen is researching a watering tank. Water bladders don't fill themselves, and don't put out enough water during a drought; they can also cause tree disease. (We need to research and get bids for planting trees). Normally, the city would not approve free trees without irrigation. If everything goes well, we can plant additional trees next year.

The proposed date for planting is November 6<sup>th</sup>. This date will be for the greenbelt and for homeowners. The trees are a minimum 2 inch width. Would prefer that we diversify tree choices due to Oak Wilt which is spreading throughout Dallas.

Homeowner tree requests will be as follows.

1. there is a form to fill out
2. August 13<sup>th</sup> – Registration forms distributed
3. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – reminder
4. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – order trees
5. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> – tree delivery

The forms will be online and for those who don't have access, call and a copy will be provided. If you have questions, call Karen, she will help you. Call Oncor and city services to find out where your underground lines are. Get the dig test done. There is no easement in an alley and under city ordinance – no vegetation is supposed to be in the alley. Suppose to be clear for 15ft up. Under consideration is hiring a vendor to actually dig the tree holes.

**NEXT MEETING IS October 21, 2010**