# GENERAL MEETING OF THE WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION April 21, 2011

- I. Call Meeting to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of January 20, 2011 WNNA General Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Janice Coffee and seconded by Silver Poteete. The minutes were approved.
- III. Guest Speaker Lynn Sulander introduced Councilman Dave Neumann. Lynn noted that this is not a political event so please keep your questions neighborhood specific. Councilman Neumann gave updates on Wynnewood Village and the fact that it has been sold. A private equity company called Blackstone has bought all of their U.S. properties. Blackstone plans to invest in Wynnewood Village. Everything is very positive. Kroger has signed 2 five year extensions on their leases and will be building a gas station. Dave hopes that Blackstone will start the process of meeting with the neighborhood communities soon.

Garage Sales: Last year the City Council voted to require \$15 permits for garage sales Dave originally voted against the ordinance because he felt the current ordinance was sufficient if it was enforced. Dave is trying to get the garage sale ordinance amended so that neighborhood garage sales could still occur, but without a fee. Dave and Angela Hunt are working on an amendment to the ordinance that they hoped will be passed within the next few months.

The Parks at Wynnewood - There is a carry-forward on the Senior project. BOA is in the process of getting the tax credits from the state .

Re-districting – District Three grew by 18,000 in the last census. We are the largest district in the city. We are 50% Hispanic, 15% white and around 1/3 black. District 3 will be part of the redistricting. April 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing about redistricting. It is important that we have neighborhood representation at this meeting and that one to two people speak regarding the importance of Wynnewood staying in District 3. We need to stress that we are a stable, cohesive neighborhood that should not be divided. We need to stress our history and that we are a part of and connected to the North Oak Cliff neighborhoods such as Kessler. By the end of August or September, the commission will make a recommendation as to redistricting. The council will usually agree with what the commission recommends. Corky Sherman is the District Three representative on the commission.

## IV. Departmental Reports

a. President – Joseph Hernandez (unable to attend)

### b. Vice President - Lynn Sulander

1. OOCCL Update – The Home Tour would really like to have a home from Wynnewood on their home tour. If you have any interest and are willing to open your open, please let Lynn or Phil know.

### c. Treasurer - Richard London

1. Approval of Treasurer's Report –as of the meeting, our current balance is \$9,090.33. A motion was made by Mike Wicker and seconded by Silver Poteete to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

### d. Beautification - Lance Ivy

1. Yard of the Month for February was 723 Mayrant; for March it was 410 N. Manus and Yard of the Month for April is 528 Hoel. We are doing well with the tree adoption. We have had one lost tree that was not willing to participate it in its' own recovery. Lance would like to have pictures of tree parents with their trees. April 30<sup>th</sup> is the clean-up. Please participate if you are able. Please bring the appropriate tools, etc. We would like to focus on the alleys in order to help keep them clear for our VIP patrols. In the green belts, nothing living can be cut if it is bigger than the width of your pinky finger. It would be particularly helpful if you could bring a gas powered weed eater. Clean-up starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Monssen triangle. Jimmy volunteered to provide plants for the Woolsey triangle.

#### e. Crime Watch – Pam Westerheide

1. VIP Training will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let Pam know if you are interested in signing up for training as you will need to complete an application and the police also require a background check. Pam encouraged everyone to consider volunteering for patrol and to attend the training if they are not already a member of VIP. The winners of the VIP drawing for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2010 is Donna Libby, and the winner for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2011 is Emily Glidewell. In response to a question from floor, Pam advised that most burglaries occur between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. It would be great if we had more patrols during those times, unfortunately, many VIP members are at work.

### f. Social - Dwyane Privott

1. Dwayne thanked everyone for the very successful Wynnewood happy hour. We have already had 5 homes offers from neighbors to host the next Happy Hour. The Spring Clean-up and Spring Fling are next Saturday, April 30th. You don't have to participate in the clean-up to attend Spring Fling, but please bring a side dish! The neighborhood will provide hot dogs and hamburgers Spring Fling will be at the home of 612 N. Manus (Randy and Victor Ray). Bring your kids and plan to have a great time. There will be two bounce houses; one for older kids, and one for smaller children under the age of 7.

The Spring Wander is May 21st so please volunteer! This is one of the neighborhood's primary fund raisers so participation is needed. If you are interested in hosting, or interested in helping someone host, please contact Dwayne Privott.

The neighborhood garage sale is May 14<sup>th</sup>. The City of Dallas ordinance has changed regarding garage sales. You must have an individual permit to have a sale. You are responsible for obtaining the permit and the signs can only be placed in your yard, not at the entrances to the neighborhood. Permits can be obtained from the library or City Hall. The neighborhood will not be asking for a donation from participants since they will have already paid a fee for a permit. The neighborhood will place an ad in the paper.

- g. Communications Jane Sullivan
  - 1. No new neighbors this evening. If you have any new neighbors, let Jane know so that she can give them a Welcome basket.
- h. Publications John Sarlay
  - 1. John asked that we confirm our address and email information for the new directory. If anyone is concerned about their email address being public, there is a version that is without the email listing. If you know of any local businesses, please encourage them to advertise in the newsletter. The newsletter online is in color and also allows them to link directly to their website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING is July 21, 2011**