

**CLENA Board Meeting
December 8, 2008
For The Love of the Lake office**

Present: Earl Johnson, Michael Janicek, Debbie Finger, Jim Hughes, Cindy Bourne, Kay Van De Rostyne, Barbara van Pelt

Absent: Tom Murray, Erin Bender, Patricia Baillif, Susan Hello, Gloria Spence

Guests: Davie Baillif, Brad Rogers, Tricia Johnson, John Widhalm

President Earl Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary Barbara van Pelt had e-mailed the minutes from the Oct. 13, Oct. 21 and Nov. 10 meetings electronically to the board, asking for any changes or corrections. There was one change to the Oct. 13 minutes, changing the proposed location of the meeting from the CLENA offices to the FTLOTL offices. That change was made and Michael Janicek moved that the minutes for all three meetings be adopted, Jim Hughes seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Minutes and attachments will be sent to Debbie to post to the website.

Cindy Bourne gave a report as the Park Committee liaison. She will be in contact with the other neighborhoods in January. The drinking fountain was installed and is working. Debbie gave the financial report for Susan Hello, indicating there is \$1,077 in the Casa Linda Park fund at The Dallas Foundation and plans were discussed to purchase 40 crepe myrtles to plant along Old Gate Lane. Earl suggested that some of those trees be moved to provide a windbreak for the pavilion. Debbie indicated there was a discrepancy in the statement showing \$500 spent for the purchase of two oak trees – likely a purchase for another park.

Jim moved that Cindy be given authority to negotiate the expenditure of the remaining funds before the end of the year. Michael seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Debbie gave the treasurer's report for Susan Hello (Attachment A). As of December 8, 2008, \$8,461.00 is in the CLENA checking account. The IRS has ruled that CLENA should be a 501(c)4 instead of a 501(c)7. Susan has refiled the paperwork and should receive official approval any day. Earl moved that the board accept the report, Cindy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Jim gave the crime report, indicated that it has been pretty quiet. Susan Owen's house on Tranquilla was burglarized and there have been thefts at the shopping center. Thefts around home construction areas were also noted. Jim suggested that the board produce Casa Linda stickers for the back of residents' cars in order to identify cars that do not belong in the neighborhood. Cindy will check on prices for thermal film stickers for windshield ID to sell to residents or give as membership benefit.

Michael reported that the welcome committee for new neighbors is forming; Debbie has the baskets and Susan Hello should send the membership list as well as any membership committee volunteer names to Michael.

The Holiday Lights Yard of the Month was awarded to Jim and Debbie Van Zandt at 1406 El Patio.

Kay supplied information about area schools to Debbie for inclusion on the website and will contact DISD to learn about volunteer programs and provide information to Debbie for the January newsletter. Earl asked Kay to look into providing a speaker for the April general meeting.

Debbie reported that a newsletter brief was distributed on Nov. 27 (printing cost was \$54.77). The next newsletter will go out the first week of January; Dec. 22 is the deadline for copy and ad reservations. A thank you ad has been offered to the Highland Park Cafeteria and one will be offered to the VFW. John Widhalm has given Debbie the passwords to update the calendar and will give her the passwords to update the rest of the website. The Communication Report is included as Attachment B.

Due to old version of Quick Books owned by CLENA and used by the treasurer, it has not been possible to convert the financial reports to PDF files for posting on the website. Michael moved that the board approve the purchase, up to \$100, of the software upgrade of Quick Books. Jim seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

David Baillif gave the external affairs report for Patricia (see Attachment C). Brad Rogers shared a report of Neighborhood Associations and others who contributed to funding for consultants for the Garland Road visioning project. The City Council will vote on form-based zoning at Wednesday's meeting.

John Widhalm gave a report on the renewal of the CLE deed restrictions for sections 3 and 4. Both sections are short about 20 signatures. He has called all the homes in section 3 and has volunteers lined up to call section 4 homes. The two notaries who volunteered before will go door to door with our volunteers to get the remaining signatures.

Earl reported that he has received 25 RSVP's for the Christmas Party on Dec. 12. Jim will send the invitation to his crime watch list and everyone else was encouraged to invite committee members and their families.

Earl adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attachment A – Treasurer’s Report

TREASURER'S REPORT 12/08/08

\$8,166.17 Balance as of 9/12/08

2,252.00 Income Sept. 12- 12/8/08

400.00 Advertising 627.00 Plant sale
1,225.00 Dues 1,957.17 Expenses Sept 12
- 12/8/08

631.22 Printing newsletter and ballots

86.15 Supplies

84.98 Flowers

37.15 Electric

205.78 Water for triangles

136.00 Postage 353.45

Pansy's

88.55 National Nite Out

250.00 Garland Rd. Initiative Donation

83.88 Web

\$8,461.00 Balance as of Dec. 8, 2008

Information from the IRS arrived this month requesting that we refile for a 501c4 designation. I have re-filed the 1024 and schedule B to comply with their recommendation. Final approval for our non-profit status is imminent.

I contacted Darren Boruff who is in charge of our credit balance with the Park Fund and find that they would like us to use the balance of \$1, 177 before year's end. Susan Remele, Little Forest Hills, has contacted Donna Mason and we can purchase 40 crepe myrtles to line the Old Gate side of Casa Linda Park! James Page with DPARD will plant them sometime in January. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

Attachment B – Communications Report
CLENA Board Report – VP – Communications
Submitted by Debbie Finger
12/8/2008

Newsletter Update

- A newsletter brief informing the neighborhood of the newly elected CLENA officers and committee contacts was prepared and distributed by 11/22. Total cost for copies was \$54.07.
- I checked with the printer regarding their holiday schedule and determined that the Winter 2009 newsletter will be ready for distribution during the week of January 5th.
- Newsletter articles are due to Debbie by December 22.
- Bella Vista Company is a new advertiser and have prepaid for four ads.
- I contacted current repeating advertisers (Jenny Capritta, Kelly Nolan, Mike Schmitt) to let them know their contracts were expiring with the Winter 2009 newsletter. All three will renew beginning with the Spring 2009 issue.
- I contacted Jeff Snoyer at HPC. I sent him a thank you note for letting us use the HPC meeting rooms last year and offered him a free ad in an upcoming newsletter. I have not heard back from him to-date.
- I also emailed previous advertisers Lynn Foster and Susan Frederickson about coming back. I offered them a free ad because a previous ad was printed in a unauthorized newsletter. Lynn replied that he is thinking about it. I have not heard from Susan.
- I have prepared a list of businesses (any other suggestions are welcome!) to contact or visit -- And will be soliciting help to secure the additional advertising.
 - North Haven Gardens
 - Kwik Kar
 - Highland Park Cafeteria
 - East Dallas Veterinary Clinic
 - Dr. Michael A. Benevides (new doctor in old Bank One building)
 - Massage Envy
 - Deatons'
 - Dickey's
 - Sali's
 - Sergio's
 - Mii's Bridal
 - Another Byte Internet Café (Mahruk Hall)
 - Albertsons

Web Site Update

- John Widhalm provided instructions for updating the calendar on the CLENA web site. I've tested it and can now update the calendar.
- I will be meeting with John to learn how to update the other pages on the site so that more than one person will know how to update the site. We will also work on recruiting some other committee members.
- We will add a place to post the documents on the Garland Road Initiative.

External Affairs

12/08/08

- 1) **Buckner/Garland Intersection:** TxDOT reports they will be shutting down all construction activities between December 24th and January 5th to facilitate holiday traffic.
- 2) **Northwest Highway, Lawther to Flagpole Hill Causeway:** TxDOT will make a presentation to the White Rock Neighborhood Association Tuesday, December 9th at the Ridgewood Belcher Recreation Center on Fisher Road at 7 PM.
- 3) **Dallas Form Based zoning changes:** City Council has elected to delay this vote again and have a public hearing on December 10, 2008. The FBZ concept is basically a new tool developed to facilitate mixed-use projects of all occupancy types and combinations. Remaining issues to be resolved are mostly over establishing how this new classification has to relate to existing residential zoning (height proximity slopes). Others are parking, open space minimums, and traditional building occupancy minimum standards.
- 4) **Garland Road Plan Study:** Study is funded; consultants are being vetted, they are planning to start design/analysis around mid March and to continue through mid 2010. Contrary to what Gary Griffith talked about last month, the city sees no relationship between this and a Form Based zoning proposal for an appropriate application of FBZ overlay.
- 5) **Shopping Center:** The re-do progress is about 75% complete. Finish is scheduled for as late as May.
- 6) Another Broken Egg (Old Eckerd's space): Construction should start at the first of the year. The permit is in place and plans have been approved by all required authorities.

- 7) Athletic Club/Gym: 24-Hour Fitness abandoned the space and CLP Center is working with another club/gym to possibly back-fill the existing lease.
- 8) Theater: Still looking. They are negotiating with one possible tenant but the owner will not discuss this further.
- 9) **Dallas Water Utilities sewer and water main replacement project**: DWU will be meeting with the contractor that did the work. DWU has not agreed to substantial completion and needs several work items to be finished before starting the warranty period. They will have the contractor take up all loose rock along the edges of the pavement. Next meeting is mid week this week.
- 10) **Dixon Branch flooding mitigation dispute**: All parties agree something needs to be done, but the City wants to take the cheapest, least environmentally sensitive approach. The neighborhoods want a highly engineered, very expensive, and more transparent solution. Middle positions (relative to total cost implications) include buying up the most vulnerable properties, which would allow for a wider, naturally configured channel.