

CASA LINDA NEIGHBORHOOD ESTATES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Date: April 14, 2008

Location: White Rock United Methodist Church, Minga Center

Board Members in Attendance:

Earl Johnson

Jim Hughes

Melanie Landay

Susan Hello

Gary Spence

Mickey Letart

John Widhalm

Phil Phelps

Brad Rogers

A general meeting of the membership was called to order by Earl Johnson, President, at 7:00pm. The meeting began with discussion, questions and answers regarding the formation of the Bylaws Committee. It was agreed that current board members could serve on this committee but could not chair the committee. Patricia Baillif moved that all who volunteered be accepted to serve on the Bylaws Committee. After much discussion, Patricia Baillif called for the question. This ended the debate and forced a vote on whether to vote or not on the motion. The vote, by show of hands, passed by a ¾ majority. Patricia restated her motion. Patricia moved that all who volunteered be accepted to serve on the Bylaws Committee. Seconded and passed. A biography of each member will be given to John Widhalm to post on the web site and a printed version will go to each household. The printed version will be distributed by the Block Captains.

The following residents are By-laws Committee Members:

Earl Johnson, Dotty Vidal, Anne Leather, Susan Grundy, David Baillif, Hilary Jirasek, Dawn Cleaves, Debbie Finger, Dean Malone, Erin Bender, Michael Janicek, Brad Rogers.

REPORTS

John Widhalm, Communications Director, reported that he along with Editor Debbie Finger, are responsible for the Newsletter. Currently, John is looking for more advertisers to purchase ¼ or ½ page size ad space or even business card size space. John also maintains the web site. John has added a "Lost and Found" pet site as well as blogs designated to specific committees.

Jim Hughes, Vice President, reported he is sending all the e-mail crime reports to those who have signed up for this service. The VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) is under the leadership of Mickey Letart. To date we have had five more residents complete the program. Residents are currently patrolling our streets, however, more are needed. Jim is working with Ron Carpenter on getting a more detailed report on each crime and its resolution. The Shopping Center continues to have BMV (Burglary of Motor Vehicle). National Night Out is scheduled for October and is planned to be held in the Park. National Night Out is a time to get to know your neighbors so we can watch out for one another and thereby keep our neighborhood and each other safe. There will be more details as the date gets closer. Jim reported there are no Block Captain vacancies.

Melanie Landay, Secretary, read the minutes from the September 12, 2007 General Meeting. They were approved as read after one correction. The correction was the a date change for the Board Meeting. Next, the minutes from the Special Elections Meeting, March 6, 2008 were read and approved.

Susan Hello, Treasurer, reported that our Articles of Incorporation with the State of Texas have lapsed. She is filing the necessary paper work to reclaim our corporate status. Susan will meet with a CPA from the Meadow's Foundation to determine if CLENA meets the definition of a not-for-profit organization. If not, how is CLENA defined. Susan will report what type of entity CLENA is, so the Bylaws Committee can have a working definition prior to beginning the bylaws changes. She will then file back taxes. Having been in office less than one month, an audit has not been done. This is the next item Susan will work on. No bills are outstanding. There is around \$11,000.00 in the general fund and \$4,671.00 in the park fund.

Gary Spence, External Affairs, reported that he spoke with Darren Oruff and Reginald Heard of the Parks Department, to determine the status of the drinking fountain to be installed at the basketball end of our Park. Darren Oruff and Reginald Heard new about the plans but did not have the final dollar amount. Donna Mason said the price would be around \$6,000.00 because all the plumbing would need to be replaced. Donna also stated that Little Forrest Hills had donated to our Park Fund for the purpose of a drinking fountain. Gary will report more on this at the next meeting.

Streets are still being worked on. Some locations are having trenches dug around easements to allow for run-off drainage. Sod will be replaced if owners request it.

TxDot is three months behind schedule to date. They were suppose to start work on the Buckner/Garland intersection February 1, 2008 .

Phil Phelps, Beautification, reported that the committee met on April 10, to discuss the approach to cleaning up all 10 triangles. The committee decided on the first two and completed the clean-up the following weekend. These triangles are located at Losa/Tranquilla and Hermosa/Alta Mira. The remaining 8 have been photographed and their needs will be assessed. The next triangle to be worked on is located at San Saba/San Leandro. It needs an arborist's evaluation and is completely overgrown.

The possibility of using Scouts to help with the clean up was discussed.

Phil has talked with the city of Dallas about the Mow-mentum program. This program allows associations to plan up to two projects per year with a 6 month start to finish deadline and the city will match dollar-to-dollar up to \$10,000.00 per project.

Anyone having ideas on the triangles or Yard of the Month, please contact Phil.

Donna Mason will be the contact person for the Garden Tour. It will be held on May 18, from 11:00am until 5:00pm. Three gardens will be open for touring in Casa Linda. Sherri Foster will coordinate the volunteers. Sherri needs 3 shifts for each garden. An 8 page brochure will be distributed by the Block Captains. The Tour includes Casa Linda, Little Forest Hills, and Forest Hills. (Full report attached)

Mickey Letart, Service League, reported on the Garage Sale. So far there are 10 participants. Mickey has changed the dates on the old signs so no expenditure for signs necessary. Mickey will provide a map of other sale locations and hand them out at his home on the day of the Sale. All donations are to be dropped at Mickey's house, 9802 El Patio or call Mickey or Gary Spence and one of them will pick up donations.

In the absence of JulieAnn Bever, Earl read the following regarding the Mom's group.

Casa Linda Mom's group will meet on Monday April 21 from 9-11 am at the home of Crystal Turner 9343 Forest Hills Blvd. We also meet every other Wednesday at the Casa Linda Park at 1:30 pm. We will meet there this Wednesday April 16 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Landay, Secretary