

CLENA Board Meeting
March 8, 2010
Earl Johnson's Office

Present: Earl Johnson, Cindy Bourne, Barbara van Pelt, Sarah Morgan, Glen Christy, Erin Bender, Patricia Baillif, Kay Van de Rostyne, Jim Hughes,

Absent: Michael Janicek, Susan Hello, Debbie Finger

Guest: Gloria Spence

Earl Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary Barbara van Pelt noted a few corrections to the minutes distributed in advance via e-mail. Cindy Bourne moved that the corrected minutes be approved; Jim Hughes seconded and the motion passed.

Safety:

- Jim Hughes and Glen Christy gave a report on the continuing damage at the triangle at Hermosa and Alta Mira. They will ask Debbie to ask in the upcoming newsletter that anyone seeing the vandal driving through the triangle (or nearby yards) should call 911. Wachovia Bank was robbed at gunpoint; the robbers cleaned out the vault.
- A woman was robbed at gunpoint in the shopping center.

Beautification:

- Glen Christy distributed the minutes from the February 28 Yard of the Month meeting (Attachment A).
 - The March Yard of the Month was 1508 Bella Vista, the home of Herb and Renee Billings.
- Glen distributed the plan for the raised bed at the triangle at Losa and Tranquilla.
 - Glen asked for approval to spend up to \$300 on the project (\$176 for the roses; \$40 for soil and \$60 for mulch). Cindy seconded the motion and it passed.
 - The irises that are currently in the triangle will be offered to the plant sale at the Garden Tour.
- Glen then distributed the plan for the raised bed in the triangle at Hermosa and Alta Mira (Attachment B). The bed will be 10' from the corner.
 - The 20' raised bed will require 6 tons of stonework, fill dirt, compost and fertilizer in addition to 22 knockout roses.
 - The cost is estimated between \$1,991 and \$2,000 and should deter any vehicles from driving through the triangle.
 - Glen asked the board to approve up to \$2000 for the project, if it is approved by the City of Dallas. Jim Hughes seconded the motion and it passed.
- Glen also suggested that a sign be created that says "CLENA Beautification Project" to publicize the beautification efforts of CLENA in the triangles.

- Barbara van Pelt moved that any proceeds from the 2010 Garden Tour go to CLENA beautification efforts. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed.

Education:

- Kay Van de Rostyne reported that Bryan Adams and Reinhardt were having problems with dropouts, and their performance ratings were suffering, in part due to the changing neighborhood.
- Garland Rd. initiative may help with addressing the expiring contracts for Section 8 housing in apartments.
- Housing prices are up.

Communications:

- Debbie Finger could not attend the meeting, but her report is attached (Attachment C).

External Affairs:

- Patricia Baillif noted that the next Garland Rd Visioning meeting is scheduled for March 25.

Social:

- Sarah Morgan reported that Mickey LeTart would not be able to come to the general meeting on April 13 and bring his large grill.
 - Sarah, Cindy and Barbara offered to bring their grills.
 - Sarah's husband Robert will pick up the grills and take them to the park.
 - Sarah will get ribbons for the cake contest winners.
 - Sarah is meeting with Kevin Regan from Albertson's to request gift cards for prizes.
 - Sarah will bring nametags for board members.
 - Sarah will bring ice chests with water and soft drinks.
 - Board members volunteered to bring side dishes.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater is scheduled for Aug. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
 - Dinner options are pasta for \$8 per person or fajitas for \$10 per person.
 - Sarah requested \$400 for the deposit on the Hall; Patricia seconded the motion and it was approved.
- The flyer for the garage sale on May 1 is ready and will be included with the newsletter.
 - Earl has a box of signs and stands which Sarah will pick up.
 - Michael Janicek has agreed to host the CLENA general garage sale at his home again this year.
 - Earl offered his trailer for pick up and storage of large items before the sale.
- Planning for the Garden Tour, on May 23, is proceeding. The three CLENA gardens have been selected.
 - Cindy will send the art files for the Garden Tour logo to Sarah.

- Cindy will do volunteer sign-up sheet for the general meeting/cookout for the garden tour, garage sale, and mystery dinner theater.
- Patricia said the spring plant sale flyers will be distributed with the next newsletter.

There being no other business, Earl adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**Yard of the Month Committee Meeting
February 28, 2010**

Attachment A

Members Present: Glen Christy, Phil Phelps, Mary Phelps, Judith Wolfe, Pam Egnew, Brenda Starkey, Margaret Webb and Gloria Spence

YOM for March:

1508 Bella Vista, Herb and Renee Billings - 14 points

HONORABLE MENTION for March:

1535 San Saba, Jeff and Donna Mason - 9 points

NOMINATIONS for March:

9902 El Patio

1506 Verano

1250 Selva

1404 San Saba

9530 Alta Mira

9603 Redondo

9906 Angora

1507 Tranquilla

1441 El Campo

Additional Business: Members discussed ways to encourage participation from members of the neighborhood. Several committee members volunteered to contact those nominated for March YOM and invite them to join either YOM or Triangle Committee.

Next Meeting YOM for April: Sunday, March 28 (April 4 weekend is Easter)

Proposed business for next meeting: please review the information below for discussion at our next meeting. The calendar should be published in the CLENA newsletter as soon as possible.

Calendar for 2010 Proposed Meeting Dates

April-March 28

May - May 2

June-May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

July-June 27

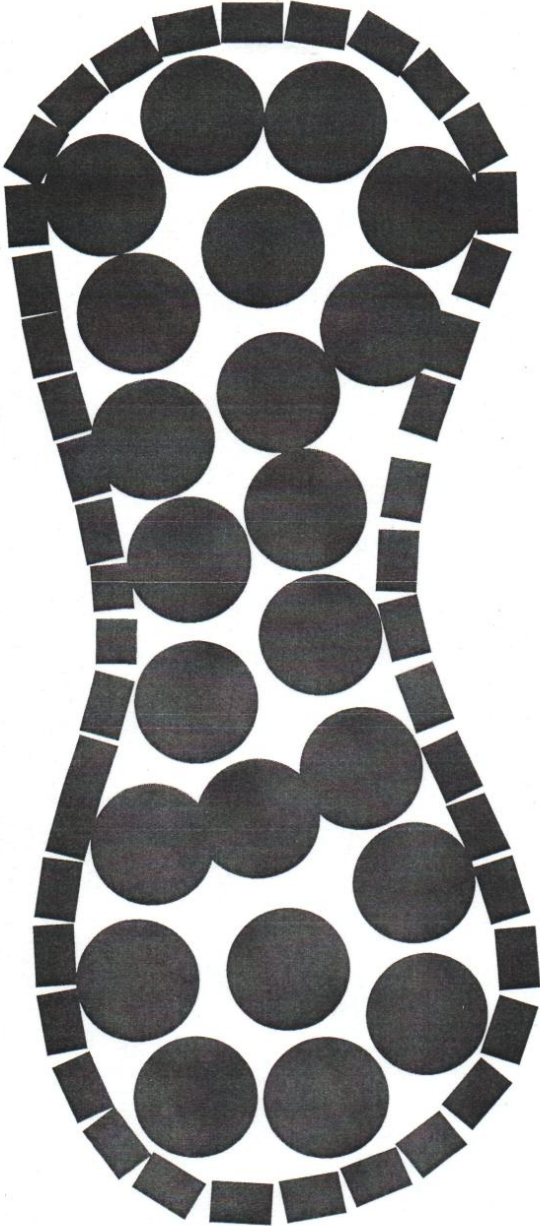
August-Aug. 1

September-Aug. 29

October-Oct. 3

November - Oct. 31

December Christmas Lights Selection - Dec. 12



Monday, March 8, 2010
Submitted by Debbie Finger

Attachment C

Newsletter

- Content for the Spring 2010 newsletter is due by March 15.
- Articles are needed from all board members as appropriate for reporting the “state of the neighborhood.”
- I am contacting advertisers this week to get updated ads.
- I will work with Sarah offline to make sure all announcements and flyers are distributed as needed with the Spring 2010 newsletter.

Web Site

- John and I have talked about some ways to refresh the web site and add a calendar to the home page so that it is easier to access. We’ve also talked about creating a link called “From the City of Dallas” so we can post PDFs and add links to relevant information.
- I will follow up with John to set up a meeting and get the changes done this quarter.

Directory

- It’s time to get serious about soliciting ads to cover the cost of printing the 2010 Directory. The back page is already sold (Glen Christy). Please contact me for prices if you know someone who would be interested.