

Tanglewood Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Terry White. The following announcements and updates were given:

Review of 2006 TNA Objectives

1. Develop effective community communications – TNA has achieved effective communication through the newsletters (4 per year – 3 so far), e-mail blasts and general meetings
2. Improve our park and trail system – a committee put together a request to the appropriate city department addressing street improvements and park improvements.
 - a. Street resurfacing is requested for Ann Arbor, Kingston, Claridge and Annels Courts. Harlanwood improvements will begin in September.
 - b. A request to improve lighting in our neighborhood includes a map of the existing lights and a request to meet the city standard of lighting every 300 sq. ft.
 - c. Adding stop signs was part of the original plan. Due to differing opinions, the neighborhood association is not pursuing this option at this time.
 - d. Tanglewood street sign “Toppers” are being considered. The cost is approximately \$50 per sign. We are considering doing the perimeter of the neighborhood. A count will be taken so that a total cost can be determined.
 - e. A request has been made to improve the east bound turning lanes on Bellaire at Spanish Oak and Preston Hollow to improve safety.
 - f. A request has been made to expand the trail system in the park
 - g. The neighborhood is pursuing a tree grant application to plant new trees in the park
 - h. The neighborhood is requesting additional lighting along the trails in the park and the playground area

- i. The TNA submitted an application for the Park Development Grant. Our concept of Tiger Alley was well received. However, the parks department plans to forward it to another department since it is more fitting as an art project.
3. Develop the Tanglewood Women's Group – this group was led by Molly Hyry. The wine and cheese party was a great success.
4. Educate the neighborhood on effective emergency preparedness planning
5. Grow the membership and increase community participation – we increased membership to 259 members
6. Participate in neighborhood and community outreach programs – we participated in the Cowtown clean-up and followed it with a social activity. Our next neighborhood social will be October 14th.
7. Develop effective representation to the City Government to meet the needs of the Tanglewood Neighborhood

Treasury Report

We currently have 259 members and a balance of \$5234. Our expenses include the newsletter, the directory and League of Neighborhood Association dues.

Crime Report

The crime report was handed out. It omits addresses to protect the privacy of our neighbors.

Guest Speaker

City Council Member, Chuck Silcox

- Harlanwood street reconstruction will begin in September. It will be messy, but it is only a temporary problem.
- Zoning – This issue primarily concerns areas that have large lots (1 acre). Developers have replaced 1 house with 15 smaller homes. Most lots in the city were converted to A5, meaning single family with 5000 sq. ft. minimum. Mr. Silcox is working on areas with ½ acre and greater lots to change the zoning to match the lot size. These will be rezoned as A21 or A43 to prevent developers from changing the character of the neighborhood. There is not much that we can do about the opposite situation, when 2 lots are converted into 1 lot with

a large home. Creating deed restrictions for our neighborhood was discussed.

- Crime – Don't leave things in your car. Call when you see things, no matter how small. The more calls you make, the more attention they get.
- 121 construction starts in late 2007. Public meetings will be held before the Hulen street bridge area is impacted.
- Oil and gas revenue from drilling under the parks stays with the parks. But, the park revenue from the General fund has been reduced at the same time. Some pools are closing. A splash pool might be built.
- Trinity River Project – Mr. Silcox is opposed to the Trinity River Project.
- Concern was voiced about people not being able to live in their houses anymore because of the property values and increase in taxes.
- Concern was voiced about the increase in traffic due to all the kids at Tanglewood getting out of school at the same time. Mr. Silcox asked that a list of streets and the specific problem on the street be forwarded to his office.