

# **Tanglewood Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Terry White, President. He reviewed the objectives of the meeting and the agenda.

1. Street lights – Chuck Snyder, Traffic Services Division
2. Election of 2007 Officers
3. Incorporation of Overton Park into the TNA
4. 2007 Community Objectives
5. TNA Committees
6. Crime Update – Officer Byrom

## **Election of 2007 Officers**

The nominating committee consisted of current officers, Terry White and Nickie Nenon, and at large members, Bill Smith and Dot Kent. The following slate of Officers was approved by the association:

President – Terry White  
Vice President – Tom Sylvester  
Secretary – Nickie Nenon  
Treasurer – Angie Klutz  
Newsletter Editor – Jamie Lewis

The TNA also voted to add a president-elect position for 2007. Anyone interested in this position should contact Nickie Nenon (817)923-8188 or [nnenon@charter.net](mailto:nnenon@charter.net).

## **Chuck Snyder – Traffic Services Division**

Topic – Street lights (to improve lighting of our neighborhood)

Current code dictates that a street light should exist at each intersection, each time the road changes direction, and mid-block every 300 feet. There should also be a light at the end of each cul-de-sac unless the street is less than 200 feet long. We have several places in our neighborhood where the lights are currently not meeting these standards.

There are 3 different types of lights including high pressure sodium, mercury vapor and the white light. The wattage of the light varies from 75-175 watts. The electricity is paid for by the city. A capital improvement project (CIP) pays for the installation of lights where we are currently not meeting standards.

Antique lighting is available. These are placed 120-200 feet apart. They are designed to be a pedestrian light, rather than a street light. More of them are required because they do not put out as much light. Antique lighting uses underground power and has a higher cost. Overhead lighting is easier to install.

Funds are available to add mid-block lights where the need meets the policy. Placement of the lights is determined by policy and access to existing power sources. Adding a transformer increases the cost. Lights can be placed on either side of the street. If power sources are available, they will try to stagger the lights. The number of overhead lines would increase with the typical lights installed by the city. Eurotique lights are another type of lighting, but they are very expensive. They are a street and pedestrian light.

Overhead lighting is easier to install, and the easement process is easier. Underground wires require an easement (not as easy as for overhead wires). The wires for the overhead lights typically go from the back of the house out to the street.

The phone number to reach customer service for the Transportation and Public Works department is 817-392-8100. Please call to report problems with street lights, signals, potholes and down signs. For tree limbs hanging over streets, please contact the Forestry Division at 817-392-PARK.

### **Crime Update – Officer Byrom**

Officer Byrom reviewed the PRA provided in the handouts for the meeting.

The offenses of concern were reviewed. Some notable things to consider are as follows:

1. Auto theft – The 2 auto thefts listed do not constitute a crime trend. One was an incident where the keys were left in the car. The other was a professional job where the car was hot wired.
2. Burglary of vehicles – A car is less likely to be broken into if the car is locked with NO items inside. When the burglar breaks the window, they typically do this with a screwdriver. There is no loud noise associated with this crime.
3. Burglary of building – Most of these listed involve businesses in our neighborhood. The one that occurred in a home involved tools being taken from a garage. Help your neighbors! Call your neighbor or close their garage if it is left open. It helps you to help your neighbor! The criminals are less likely to target our neighborhood if there is not easy access to our homes.
4. Drug/narcotic violations – This incident occurred when a vehicle was pulled over. Marijuana was found in the car.

### *Other notes and answers to questions from Officer Byrom:*

- Most burglars knock on the door first. Pretending not to be there can lead them to come back and break in. Let them know you are home by turning on the TV or a radio. They don't have to see you to know you are home. It is okay to be rude. Don't let them know who you are. They want in your house, but they don't want you to be there.

- Officer Byrom can perform home security surveys. One of the top things he recommends is more lighting.

- It is legal to solicit in our neighborhood. If you don't want them to solicit at your house, tell them. If they come back, they are trespassing. Solicitors are not allowed to solicit if you post a sign in your yard that states "No solicitation, No trespassing." You would be required to come to court to be the witness. A sign is required at each home. We cannot create one for the entire neighborhood.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The TNA has approximately \$4,000 in the bank. Recent expenditures included expenses for newsletters and the Fall Social (about \$1,000).

Membership for 2006 includes about 50% of the homes in the neighborhood.

### **Other Business**

#### *Dewar Family*

We were all saddened by the news of the Dewar Family. A green plant was sent from the Tanglewood Neighbors to the memorial service. A card was passed around the meeting that will be delivered to the family.

Officer Byrom explained that the person in the other car was charged with negligent homicide. He showed signs of intoxication. An investigation is ongoing, and the police department is doing everything they can to punish this person

#### *Street Toppers*

Jamie Lewis presented the information on the street toppers. The toppers cost \$60 per sign. A minimum of 10 signs is required. We plan to order 15 signs to place on the perimeter of our neighborhood boundaries. If you want to purchase a sign for your street, please contact Jamie Lewis so that it can be included with our order. A sample of the artwork will be posted on the TNA Website ([www.tanglewood-neighbors.org](http://www.tanglewood-neighbors.org)).

### **2007 TNA Objectives**

Terry White opened the floor to get input on what people would like to see the TNA accomplish in 2007. The following objectives were requested:

1. More effective speed bumps – Terry explained that our neighborhood is divided on this issue. Each street can address this issue as needed. The TNA will be happy to provide the appropriate contact information. (Randy Burkett 817-392-8712).
2. Clean up the creek all through the park
3. Address the turning lanes at the Bellaire/Hulen intersection
4. Revisit emergency preparedness
5. Reduce power outages in our neighborhood

6. Increase COPS volunteers
7. Create referral system for painters, handymen, etc. Maintain a list that the neighborhood can use.

### **Overton Park**

Some residents in the Overton Park neighborhood have requested to become part of the TNA. The map in the handouts outlines the proposed area to be incorporated into the TNA. The common interests between our neighborhood and Overton Park include crime and the park. The TNA has agreed to incorporate this neighborhood into the TNA as long as the Overton Park residents are able to enlist volunteers for block captains and COPS. Jennifer Smith has agreed to recruit block captains for Overton Park. Bylaws will be revised to reflect this change when it is appropriate.

### **Rep. Chuck Silcox**

Mr. Silcox gave a brief overview of some items of interest.

- Be cognizant of what is going on around you during the holiday season
- Blowing leaves into the street is against the law. It goes into the drain system and can cause floods. Please call code compliance to report these violations.
- Highway 121 project update – 60% of the property on Vickery has been purchased. The Hulen Street Bridge will be a big issue for our neighborhood. Meetings will be held in the future to discuss the detour route. Bellaire and Hartwood are the most likely to be impacted. We need to consider whether we want road blocks for our neighborhood to prevent people from cutting through. The downside is that it would limit our access as well. The Arborlawn connection to Bryant Irvin will be completed before the Hulen Bridge. Construction on Arborlawn will begin in the next year.
- We are looking into widening the median on Bellaire to permit safe turning onto and from Sweetbriar, Spanish Oak and Preston Hollow.
- There is a safe pathway project in the works to create a sidewalk parallel to Hartwood in the park to provide a safer path to Tanglewood Elementary School.

### **Meeting Close**

Terry White thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned.