

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mark Whittier, Secretary

- Meeting was called to order by Terry White at 7:05pm
- **Review 2007 Objectives**
  - 1) Effective Crime Prevention / Citizens on Patrol – Successful initiative. But we need more volunteers for nighttime patrols according to Jo Ann Henk. Interested volunteers please contact Jo Ann at 817-927-0794.
  - 2) Improve Parks & Trail System – Successful initiative with trail additions & improvements, flowers & trees
  - 3) Improve Traffic Flow & Safety – Carryover initiative
  - 4) Emergency Preparedness - Carryover initiative
  - 5) Membership – Successful initiative with addition of 225 Households from Overton Park. Also percentage of neighborhood membership increased from 60% to 70%
  - 6) Participate in Neighborhood & Community Outreach Programs - Carryover initiative – some progress in 2007
  - 7) Reduce Power Outages in Neighborhood – Education by TXU
  - 8) Referral Directory for Home Improvements - Carryover initiative
  - 9) Effective Representation to City Government – Very successful initiative with support from Chuck Silcox – City Councilman
  - 10) Street Light Improvements - Carryover initiative

The unexpected objective of handling neighborhood gas lease negotiation is considered the Association's major achievement for 2007. Tanglewood's negotiation set a model for other Fort Worth neighborhood associations. The gas lease took more of the association's time than any other issue in 2007 – resulting in less progress in some other objectives.

- **Officer Kirk Byrom / Crime Update**
  - 1) Officer Byrom said to expect a normal increase in crime activity during the holiday season.
  - 2) Mistletoe Heights has seen an increase in vehicle burglaries – as a result they have been looking at reviving their Citizens on Patrol program.
  - 3) Citizens on Patrol does make a difference. Tanglewood has a strong program – with a small core group of people who have done most of the volunteer work since its inception.
  - 4) Crime activity in Tanglewood area includes:
    - o Resident of Stonegate Villages and a Hartwood Resident have both had their purses snatched inside of their garages – police believe cases may be related
    - o Additional purse snatchings and attempted snatchings have taken place at Central Market as well as Hulen & Ridgmar Malls. Police believe Central Market and mall cases may be related.
  - 5) Please be alert and report any suspicious activity to the Fort Worth Police non-emergency number 817-335-4222. If it's an emergency call 911.
  - 6) When you report suspicious activity the most important information you can provide to police is the vehicle license plate number.
  - 7) Don't linger in your car at home or when shopping. Lock doors & be alert if anyone approaches you. Be sure no occupied vehicles are parked in front of your house when you return home. Drive away if someone approaches.

- **Election of Officers**

Vacant Officer positions for 2008 include: TNA President, Tanglewood Neighborhood Vice President; Overton Park Neighborhood Vice President and Secretary.

There are volunteers for all three positions, so elections were “unopposed.” Members in attendance approved Officer positions as submitted by outgoing President Terry White:

- President / Dryden Boyce
- Tanglewood VP / Tom Sylvester
- Overton VP / Jennifer Smith
- Secretary / Mark Whittier

- **Discussion of 2008 Strategic Objectives**

- 1) Gas Lease was major focus of 2007 – will continue to sign leases with XTO/Vargas Energy into 2008
- 2) Request for lighting in park trail system (Request to Parks Department as recommended usage of park’s gas lease revenue)
- 3) Continue planting of trees & daffodils with assistance of Thursday Boys
- 4) Service existing trees – clear snags & deadwood (request to Parks Department)
- 5) Clear debris in creeks from rain & flash flooding (Currently have “Cowtown Cleanup” in March/April – plus Streams & Valleys cleanup during Summer)
- 6) Renew focus on emergency preparedness
- 7) Renew focus on Traffic safety & controls
- 8) Need pedestrian crosswalk at Overton Park West & Bellaire
- 9) Request by Dr. Bass for enhanced child safety at intersection of Overton Park East & Harlanwood

- **Gas Lease Update with Brett Austin of Vargas Energy**

- 1) Their goal is to have 100% of Tanglewood neighborhood leased – currently around 80%. If they have 100% of the tract leased it increases production and revenue from the drilling site.
- 2) Tanglewood/Overton Park drilling site will be North of the Trinity River at Hulen & the Railroad tracks. There is a substantial budget for landscaping to make the drill site as attractive as possible.
- 3) No drilling has occurred yet – expect exploration by the beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the lease (all Vargas/TNA leases are 3-years)
- 4)

- **City Council Update – Councilman Chuck Silcox**

- 1) City is proposing straight bond issue for May 2008 ballot. This includes \$1 Billion for street improvements & new construction; plus \$640 Million for drainage improvements. City has identified the street improvements as our #1 need.

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- 2) Harlanwood street replacement in final stages of completion. Seasonal rains resulted on significant construction delays. Street will be swept when all work is complete.
- 3) Crime rate in Fort Worth continues to decrease. Fort Worth went from #3 city in U.S. for homicides to one of the lowest in the nation.
- 4) 121 Toll Road is going to contract phase in March 2008 - will eventually require construction of a new Hulen Street bridge. New bridge will be 6 lanes instead of 4 lanes and will be east of the current bridge location.
- 5) Rail conflicts downtown and at Hulen Street are slowing 121 Toll Road development plans.
- 6) Red light camera will be installed at intersection of Hulen Street and Bellaire Drive S. This is one of 10 red light cameras being installed throughout the city. Cameras will be operational by January 2008.
- 7) City Manager has retired – currently seeking new City Mgr.
- 8) Warning Sirens will be tested weekly starting December 12, 2007
- 9) City considering locations for City Hall. City considering purchase of downtown Post Office building.
- 10) Waste Management employees are receiving training to help watch for crime and suspicious activity in our neighborhoods. They will be in contact with law enforcement via 2-way radios.
- 11) Part of the revenue to City Parks from gas leases will be retained to make improvement to that particular property.
- 12) Purple questionnaire distributed with TNA newsletter – Majority of survey respondents are opposed to city funding of the Trinity River Vision project; 96% of respondents want a cap on city investment in the project.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm by Terry White