

**TANGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING / MONDAY MAY 12, 2008**

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mark Whittier, Secretary

- Meeting was called to order by Dryden Boyce at 7:10pm

1) Dryden Boyce - Welcome & Introduction

Problem with meeting notice signs – have been stolen numerous times. Also there will be no 2nd Quarter Newsletter – publication will resume for 3rd Quarter Meeting.

2) Cowtown Cleanup: Jennifer Hyde Smith coordinated a very successful cleanup with 47 bags of trash removed from park areas on March 29th; Terry White coordinated planting of 25 new trees in Overton Park with Thursday Boys.

ART IN THE PARK: A volunteer committee has reviewed the work of 15 sculpture artists approved by the city and met on-site with 4 artists to make a selection. TNA has submitted a proposal to secure a public artwork at the Southwest corner of Bellaire Dr South and Overton Park West in the green space.

Thanks to Jennifer Smith for coordinating; and thanks to Deborah Freed and Rebecca Danvers for creating the TNA proposal. We have the chance to submit petitions and letters of support before May 27th. For more information on our proposal – see the TNA website.

3) Melanie Migura – Forester, Fort Worth Parks & Community Services

Thanks for turnout at Cowtown Cleanup – much better than most neighborhood associations. Contact the Parks Service if you notice that trees need to be serviced. The city planted trees in Overton Park this year.

Tree grant applications due November 1st each year. Include a detailed site plan and 2-year water commitment. Partnership counts for additional points in evaluation (degree to which TNA will participate in the grant – i.e. are you willing to plant the tree, or pickup from the tree farm, etc.)

For homeowners – you are legally responsible for keeping your property safe. Every tree has the potential to fail – check for structural faults. Is there a target where people or property may be damaged by a tree that fails. Cutting the tree's structural roots can cause it to fall over in time. Mushrooms at the base of tree are a sign of rot and possibly structural weakness.

Have your trees serviced and deadwood removed by an ISA Certified Arborist. Have you checked references? Do they have liability insurance? Etc. To request tree work or report at tree hazard with Park trees, call Forestry Services at Parks Department 817-871-5738.

4) Chuck Silcox – Fort Worth City Council Update

Fort Worth Bond Package passed / Includes \$3MM Art, \$10MM Trinity River Vision Bridges; remainder for street improvements. Northern corridor of Fort Worth especially needs infrastructure improvements because of growth.

Fort Worth will face budget challenges in the coming years. Councilman Silcox will continue to advocate for cutting city expenses instead of increasing property tax rates.

Gas revenue & royalties – city projected to gross (not net) \$1 Billion \$58 Million - over 25 years. Actual revenue for roads construction/maintenance will be \$49.8MM after restrictions. Much of the royalty income for public properties are subject to restrictions and incumbencies. In the long term, the city stands to gain more from property tax on Natural Gas properties than from royalties.

5) Police Activity Update: Officer Wilson; Officer Gonzales and Kala Sloan, Crime Prevention Specialist

The Fort Worth PD will help by sending a Crime Prevention Specialist to inspect your home. A qualified Home Security Inspection qualifies you for a homeowner's insurance policy discount.

Contact Kala Sloan, Crime Prevention Specialist West Division – 817-392-4764
Kala.Sloan@fortworthgov.org

Captain Cordell (?) is Central Division Captain – came by to introduce himself and describe the reorganization of police services that places Tanglewood in the Central Division.

Officer Wilson & Gonzales are our neighborhood police officers. They feel that crime activity is down in our area – despite the perception that there has been a rash of burglaries. Officers reinforced the importance of C.O.P. Citizens on Patrol – please support Tanglewood's C.O.P. program!!

Officer Gonzales described a variety of BMV (burglary of motor vehicle) stories that almost always involve unlocked vehicles or items left in the vehicle in view of the thieves.

Some citizens have discussed using a private security service in the neighborhood – the question becomes how it is funded in a neighborhood where Association membership is voluntary. Some neighborhoods including Berkely, Overton Woods, etc. have used private services successfully. How it's paid for can be a contentious issue when all homeowners don't contribute equally.

Non emergency number to report suspicious activity 817-335-4222 (press 9)

6) Reminder about Flag Program fundraiser for Seratoma Foundation – participation on holidays

7) Dryden Boyce – Quarterly Update

- Yearly Dues are \$15 per-household. Please support the TNA
- Emergency preparedness: See website www.knowwhat2do.com
- Fourth of July Parade needs committee members for planning – contact Jennifer Hyde Smith – jhydesmith@gmail.com
- Yard signs keep disappearing – any suggestions for publicizing meetings or placement of signs?

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:29pm by Dryden Boyce