

TANGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION / GENERAL MEETING / TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2009

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mark Whittier, Secretary

TNA 4TH OF JULY PARADE – SATURDAY AT 9AM!!

- Meeting was called to order by Scott Fitzgerald at 6:30pm

1) Scott Fitzgerald - Welcome & Introduction

Scott introduced himself – 5-year Tanglewood neighbor; concerned about crime & health of neighborhood association. Has volunteered to serve as interim president. Nominated as permanent president.

2) Angie Klutz – took vote on nomination – unanimous approval of Scott Fitzgerald as President. TNA is good on money (\$5,000/yr budget) – Angie hasn't been collecting dues until someone committed to be President and TNA meetings resumed. So far 80-households have already paid their dues. 2009 expenditures include PO Box and membership in league of neighborhood associations.

3) Neighborhood Patrol Officers - We have two neighborhood patrol officers – Officer Wilson is responsible for north of Bellaire Drive; Officer Gonzales is south of Bellaire Drive.

Terri Wilson – Fort Worth Police Neighborhood Patrol Officer for Tanglewood. Watch for National Night Out notice – a safety initiative. Be sure to wear bike helmets at parade for children 17 & under – it's a city ordinance. Kids who show up for the parade without helmets cannot participate.

Crime activity is down from 2008, but there have been several burglaries and attempted burglaries of a habitation (year-to-date) in Tanglewood neighborhood. 817-988-1034 is Officer Wilson's number for non-emergency calls. E-mail to: terri.wilson@fortworthgov.org

Neighbor question – is the large number of e-mails going around about crime activity, but report shows crime is down?

When to call 911? If you don't have the non-emergency number call 911. FWPDP non-emergency number is 817-335-4222.

Supervising officer says to send e-mails to Neighborhood Patrol Officer, not to city or mayor. Don't leave valuables in cars, etc.

Disposition of WM in late model Escalade – scam artist was casing both sides of Bellaire. Was confronted by Officer Wilson on North Side of Bellaire; was cited by Officer Gonzales on South Side of Bellaire; and has not been seen in area in a few weeks. Suspect was described in a series of e-mails from NPO.

Officer Charles Gonzales (South of Bellaire Drive) non-emergency number is 817-999-8057; e-mail is charles.gonzales@fortworthgov.org showed map of crime incidents –vs- police “self-initiated” calls – shows that FWPDP is taking a lot of measures to prevent crime. Says weak link is currently the residents. Need to secure property & home. Has responded to theft reports to find unsecured property in vehicle and bicycle in garage with door open. Neighbors should encourage keeping items, homes & garage doors secured.

Citizens On Patrol notices that Garage Doors are open and newspapers are accumulating when people are out of town.

- 4) Rick Shepherd – Citizens On Patrol. Acknowledged Angie Klutz for sending out e-mails on crime alerts. Introduced Capt Cordell from FWPD Citizens On Patrol. We need more of a presence – COP is a tremendous deterrent to crime. Currently have only 7-active members. Interested parties - please volunteer!! Sign-in sheet for volunteers – or contact Rick at 817-926-6962 or richardlshepherd@charter.net

COP volunteers are un-armed, and authorized only to observe & report on crime activities. They patrol mostly in vehicles, one volunteer patrols on-bike – you can see more on bike and you get some exercise. Patrollers many garage doors open; toys accumulated on front lawns. They leave blue cards as reminders of what may encourage or foster crime in the neighborhood. All patrol cars will have the COP magnetic strip on their vehicle.

- 5) Zim Zimmerman – newly-elected District 3 City Council representative. Zim’s contact info: 817-929-9450 (cell) / zim.zimmerman@fortworthgov.org

43,000 registered voters in District 3 – only 5,000 voted in election. Zim wants to revitalize neighborhood associations – only a small percentage of residents participate in TNA.

We have a serious problem ahead of us - \$61million shortfall in city budget (total budget over \$1billion). Zim vows not to cut police protection, but many city programs & expenditures will come under scrutiny. He asks residents to be understanding as budget cuts are made.

Southwest Parkway – it’s coming. Infrastructure work has started, projected 2012 for first segment. Traffic problems on South Hulen & Bryant Irvin Rd. Regarding gas drilling – it’s not going away. Zim will focus on long-term effects of gas business.

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm by Scott Fitzgerald – Next meeting ??