

## **Minutes from August 15, 2011 Summer General Meeting**

### **70+ neighbors in attendance**

**Harry Haney**, call to order and introduction of Councilman Zim Zimmerman.

**Zim Zimmerman** spoke of things that were on his mind; gas drilling issues, such as a home that has lost its value because of a drill site right next door.

Colonial neighborhood will be having storm drain work that will be done in three phases, so it will not interfere with the Colonial Golf tournament.

He mentioned that he is not in favor of the speed bumps in the neighborhoods. If we want speed bumps removed or added Harry needs to write a letter on behalf of TNA.

**Angie Klutz**-treasurer report. Began with a balance of 4821.14, after 3 deposits and 6 withdrawals TNA now has a balance of 3584.03. 31 current members. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade cost 1901.53, divided by 3, TNA, OPNA and OWNA all split the cost. Cost for each on is 633.84.

Introduction of **Officer Cabello** for crime report. Introduced himself as our temporary acting Neighborhood Patrol Officer, replacing Terri Wilson. He brought an 8 week report on crime in our area. Only 2 crimes, both graffiti. Thought it was probably kids. We are doing good.

Spoke about the city ordinance for handbills and solicitations. Told us to call 911 if see someone in the neighborhood who does not belong. Call the non emergency number, 817-335-4222, to report violation of the no soliciting signs. Be prepared to wait 6-8 months for follow up call by investigators. Make sure we put the signs where they are visible from the street.

Questions?- Compared to years back are we better or worse? Officer Cabello thought that from what he sees we are better, but not for sure on that, since he is new in this position.

Introduce **Deborah Freed**. Deborah, acting on a email and past talk about getting a uniform "no solicitations" signs for the neighborhood, researched the ordinances with Officer Gonzalez's help. She helped design the signs and found a local business to create the signs. 700 signs made. Underwritten in part by TNA and with a very generous donation by Williams Trew, (4700.) The goal is for each household in TNA to receive a sign. We are keeping track of who gets a sign, so fill out the form in your packet and turn that in for a sign after the meeting. While all of the logistics are not worked out, there will eventually be a process by which neighbors can report a violation. Maybe we call the business in violation and explain to them that they are violating signs that we have up in our neighborhood, which is a 500.00 fine. Would they rather pay to advertise in our newsletter? Just a thought.

**Angie Klutz** briefly spoke on the reorganization of TNA, to spread the work of a few to many. In mapping out the reorganization it was discovered that the bylaws are in need of updating, changing, adding to and deleting from. The bylaws were included in the agenda packet tonight. Everyone needs to look them over and get back to me by August 31<sup>st</sup> with suggestions, changes or corrections.

**Lauren Shepherd** from the 109.org. The 109.org is a web newsletter managed by the TCU students in the school of journalism. She introduced herself and asked that we check out the webpage.

#### **New Business-**

- Need for a stop sign at the intersection of Halanwood and Overton Park East, children often cross there to get to the park and cars speed by that intersection.
- Would love to have sidewalks to walk the children to school.
- Can we get an update on the gas drilling?
- Can we get no parking on one side of the street on the far west end of Harlanwood, near Overton Park East? The streets are tight in the morning and afternoons when school is in session.
- There was a water main break on Overton Park East, near the Harlanwood intersection. Can that be repaired quickly, hopefully in time for school to start?
- A sign made for the Art in the park-(Eliseo's)