

**TANGLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING / MONDAY AUGUST 25, 2008**

Meeting Minutes submitted by Mark Whittier, Secretary

- Meeting was called to order by Dryden Boyce at 7:12pm

1) Dryden Boyce - Welcome & Introduction

Dryden made new meeting signs and posted them last week. They were stolen (again). Ironically he found the signs that were stolen previously and he put the newly recovered signs out. The saga continues...

2) Fort Worth Fire Department: Firefighters are glad to have the opportunity to speak to the neighborhood. Department is building two new fire departments in North Fort Worth. 700,000 people are covered by Fort Worth Fire Dept. in three counties. They will answer over 83,000 calls this year. Dynamic growth has increased the workload in the community. 65% of calls are EMS (medical) calls.

Special services include bomb squad, airport fire departments at Meacham and Alliance Airports, etc. Operate 75 emergency vehicles. They can be called upon to do water removal during flood conditions – you can call on them for that if needed. Also – emergency lockouts (child locked in car or pet locked in car).

Will do home carbon monoxide checks – they have disposable carbon monoxide detectors. They will also hand out smoke detectors free of charge or replace batteries in smoke detectors. Fire Dept also does commercial building inspections (commercial buildings are inspected every year).

One resident complained about firemen idling in the parking lot at the Albertson's while shopping. The department explained how firefighters shop for personal food items near the start time for their 24-hour shift. The resident's opinion did not reflect the opinion of the association; and several members commended the department for their handling of specific situations they were familiar with.

Question from Boyce about trees and powerlines – are they a fire hazard after a storm? Officers recommended that you keep trees cut away from power lines. Fire Department will respond to calls about trees & damaged power lines. The Fire Dept can contact Encor (power delivery company) to order repairs.

3) Terri Wilson – Fort Worth Police Community Representative. We actually have two neighborhood patrol officers – Officer Wilson is responsible for North of Bellaire Drive; Officer Gonzales is South of Bellaire Drive.

817-988-1034 is Office Wilson's number for non-emergency calls. We have had several vehicle thefts in our area – Stonegate; Central Market & Bridgewood. Otherwise fairly quiet in our area.

Officer Gonzales (817-999-8057) says return of TCU students has caused a temporary increase in Police activity. Also, still having problems with motor vehicle burglaries – usually because car is unlocked or valuables are left in-sight in the vehicle. SECURE YOUR PROPERTY. Told a story about thieves finding keys in one car and using it to steal another vehicle and then commit more thefts.

- 4) Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition presentation was cancelled and will be re-scheduled for November 17th.
- 5) Public Art In Neighborhoods Grant – a group led by Jennifer Smith won a \$50 thousand proposal to create a public artwork in Overton Park at SE corner of Bellaire and Overton Park East. TNN was one of only two Neighborhood Associations to receive this grant this year. The proposal was developed by Jennifer Smith, Deborah Freed and Rebecca Danvers.

Committee interviewed five candidates and chose Eliseo Garcia – a stone sculptor to create a limestone sculpture for the park. The theme will be natural – featuring local animal motifs and limestone material inspired by the limestone in Overton Park Creek. Feel free to visit artist's website at: www.sculptoreliseo.com

Jennifer invited anyone from the neighborhood association to participate in this initiative. Boyce will do an e-mail reminder when the sculptor has proposals ready to show to the association members.

- 6) Street toppers for Overton Park were presented by Jennifer Smith & Boyce Dryden. The toppers are being developed jointly with Overton Park Neighborhood Association – similar to the toppers that we have in Tanglewood.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm by Dryden Boyce – Next meeting November 17th