

West Kessler Neighborhood Association
Minutes: February 28, 2012
Meeting held at the home of Victor & Mandy Aguilar

Call to Order:

Lynn LaCaze

- Call to order at 7:00 PM

Attendance:

David Cooper

- President Lynn LaCaze
- Vice President Mandy Aguilar
- Secretary David Cooper
- Treasurer Victor Aguilar
- Social Committee Tray LaCaze
- Beautification Maria Yancey
- NOCCUP Bonnie Roberds
- OOCCL Jacques Groth
- Green Leader Danny Rodriguez
- Kirby Warnock

Minutes:

David Cooper

- Mandy moved the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as presented, seconded by Tray. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report:

Victor Aguilar

- Victor presented the budget showing expenses from 2011.
- **Electricity 2012:** Electrical rate for the cul-de-sac garden appears to be \$7.90 per month plus electricity used. Electricity use not covered by the OOCCL grant. First bill in at \$25 so the annual budget is set at \$300.
- **Communications 2012:** Web site expected to cost \$150 plus \$300 for Directories, budget set at \$500.
- **Bank Account 2012:** Set at \$108 to cover fees.
- **Oak Cliff Chamber 2012:** Membership budgeted at \$297.
- **Salad Supper 2012:** Budget set at \$200.
- **Pool Party 2012:** Budget set at \$250.
- **Fall Fest 2012:** Budget set at \$150.
- **Holiday Party 2012:** Budget set at \$500.
- **Beautification 2012:** Budget set at \$300.
- **TOTAL 2012 BUDGET: \$2,643.00.**
- Dues letter with directory update request. Hard copy with envelope. Request to include NOCCUP new enrollment if timing appropriate, Bonnie to check. Distribution to the block captains to be coordinated through Earl Stewart, as Block Captain team lead.

Social Committee:

Tray LaCaze

- 303 Restaurant for February NNO a hit with great neighborhood participation.
- Chicken Scratch suggested for March, but not yet open.
- Bonnie suggested Delta Charlie at Executive Airport, good value with a bar.
- Other suggestions included: Smoke, Greek Café, Whitehall Exchange.
- Next NNO 2nd Tuesday 3/13, eVite out by end of week.

Green Committee:

Danny Rodriguez

- Items for the newsletter to include “Throne for the Home – Toilet Voucher”, weatherization assistance program details, and irrigation check-up detail.

Beautification Committee:

Maria Yancey

- Having the current yard of the Month recipient help select the next is good but will still try and avoid repeating the award to specific homeowners.
- Jacques suggested requesting an OOCCL Grant for permanent lighting of The Rock (neighborhood sign).
- Maria working on installing “warm” tone lighting suggested by Lynn in the short term. Assistance offered by Allen and Angel.
- Suggested Moss Roses for the Tenna Loma garden as they are hardy.
- Seasonal flowers for the rock to be planted by mid-month.

Conservation League:

Jacques Groth

- April 18 Neighborhood Symposium will include Grant Request workshop.
- TECO event 3/24 to thank OOCCL. Firehouse memorial fund being set up. Mardi Gras parade was fun.
- Reiterated suggestion to seek OOCCL grant for lighting the rock.

Crime Watch & NOCCUP:

Bonnie Roberds

- New enrollment for NOCCUP soon, we are partnered with Stevens Park Village and we need to have at least 20 homes participate, we are currently below 20. Can alert patrol when on VC and receive increased presence.

Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce:

Bob Stimson (absent)

- No update

General/Old Business:

All

- Electricity cost is expected to average \$8 per month plus electricity used.
- 2010 grant has been paid by OOCCL.

General/New Business:

All

- David to contact Barbara Barbee regarding use of the OOCCL umbrella Non-profit 501(c)3 program.
- Mandy to attend 4/18 OOCCL Symposium. Open to neighborhood ideas.
- Cul-de-sac 2011 project still not complete. Jacques to work with Maria by next meeting on a quote from two more vendors.
- Spring Yard Sale. Several are interested. Permits required per household. Lynn to talk to SPENA for their date.
- Kirby suggested West Kessler participate in next year’s Oak Cliff Mardi Gras Parade. Cost is \$100, plus cost of beads to throw and the float. All agreed and Kirby to chair the committee. Would require fund raising and addition to the 2012 budget.
- Lynn to contact Sherry Peel re: Stevens Forest subsidized apartments.

Media:

Mandy, Tray, and Mariam

- Mandy, Mariam, and Tray are the webmasters. Easy to update.
- Mandy starting on Newsletter. Ron to provide yard of the month photos.
- Newsletter content due March 15 for publication by month end.

Next Meeting: 7:00 PM Tuesday March 29, 2012 at David & Allen’s.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM