

West Kessler Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes: January 29th, 2013

Meeting held at the home of Lynn & Tray LaCaze

Call to Order:

Lynn LaCaze

- Call to order at 7:00 PM

President's Opening Statement:

Lynn LaCaze

- Lynn thanked Mandy, Victor, and David for securing 501c3 status through the OOCCL. Also Danny for work on the Neighborhood Directory and all that helped with neighborhood events.
- Lynn welcomed the new Officers and Committee Chairs

Attendance:

David Cooper

- President Lynn LaCaze
- Vice President Tilde Guajardo
- Treasurer Tim McDonald
- Secretary David Cooper
- Social Kirby Warnock
- Green Danny Rodriguez
- NOCCUP Sue Hall
- Media Robby Wells
- Block Captains Earl Stewart
- OOCCL Jacques Groth
- Friends of SP & CCT Kurt Johnson
- Neighborhood Tray LaCaze, Leah & Scarlett Chandler, Parthiv Patel

Minutes:

David Cooper

- There was discussion that the OOCCL grant check mentioned in the November minutes was for Printing, \$400.
- Lynn moved the minutes of the October meeting be accepted with an update mentioning the \$400 Printing check, seconded by Kurt. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report:

Tim McDonald

- Tim will base a 2013 budget on last year's.
- Looking to add an online payment option to the dues letter.
- Neighborhood Association now has 501c3 status through OOCCL:
 - Tax deduction available for 2013 (2012 payments not tax deductible).
 - Tax break can be used for shopping, contact Tim for the Tax Id.
 - Won't show as a 501c3 until taxes are filed
- Postal address for the cul-de-sac island electricity invoice to be updated

Green Committee:

Danny Rodriguez

- Dallas' Reverse Litter Campaign every 2nd Tuesday to pick up 10 pieces of litter.
- Lawn Care Seminar – Healthy Lawn with less water class at Richland College and a free class at Central Market, both Saturday 2/2
- Dallas City trying to reduce waste and boost recycling

Social Committee:**Kirby Warnock/Leah Chandler**

- Leah offered to assist on the Social Committee
- Suggest PhD for Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) but 2nd Tuesday is Fat Tuesday and they are busy, perhaps March
- Decision to try Babs BBQ on Singleton, Tuesday February 12th.
- OOCCL offering member neighborhoods can join them in the 2013 Mardi Gras Parade, Sunday February 10th. No additional cost to WKNA.
- David moved that \$100 be budgeted for a neighborhood banner and \$100 for Mardi Gras beads, seconded by Tilde. Unanimous approval.

Beautification Committee:**Lynn LaCaze**

- Looking into stronger solar lights using the Methodist Grant. Tide recommended Habitat for the lighting. Parthiv suggested drilling into the rock to anchor the lights so they are not stolen.
- Yard of the month to start again in March. The home chosen each month will be offered the opportunity to help choose the subsequent month's home.
- Recommendation for a Committee to be set up with a budget.
- David suggested a \$200 we could seek a \$200 grant from Methodist for additional candy canes and flags.
- Earl suggested Luminaries through the neighborhood for the winter holiday week-ends, very effective on Bison Trail a few years back.

Conservation League:**Jacques Groth**

- Jacques now the OOCCL VP Neighborhoods and Grants.
- David's offer to step back in as neighborhood representative to the League was accepted.
- 501c3 packet to be provided to Tim.
- Ideas needed for a 2013 Grant.

Crime Watch & NOCCUP:**Sue Hall**

- Nynva Wright has confirmed for Crime Watch.
- Sue to represent the neighborhood for NOCCUP.
- Parthiv Patel, living on Tenna Loma since April 2006, reported a recent incident while walking on Tenna Loma and N. Oak Cliff Blvd:
 - An SUV with high beam lights on followed him, would not allow him to approach and left.
 - Police soon arrived, stopped Parthiv, and (using an expletive) cited a report of suspicious and aggressive behavior.
 - Parthiv did not have identification but after checked his details the officer cleared him to carry on.
- Those present agreed this was not appropriately handled and asked that Sue research through NOCCUP if this was a call handled by them.
- Recommendation to have local police speak at an upcoming meeting on when to engage the police, what comprises suspicious behavior, signs to look for, and how to act as a responsible and alert citizen and neighbor.

Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce:**No representation**

- No update

General/Old Business:**Group discussion**

- \$100 approved last year for Block Captain appreciation.

General/New Business:

Lynn LaCaze

- Recommendation to start the Directory updates campaign now, for summer printing/distribution. Include update request with the dues letter.
- Laura Lockwood contacted the city about urban coyotes and suggests a neighborhood presentation on ways to deter them and what to do if you have an encounter.
- Kurt discussed social networking site westkessler.nextdoor.com. Neighbors can join by invitation or after address verification. Suggested a link from the WKNA site.

Media:

Robby Wells

- Updating the web site
- Pictures can be provided to Robby
- Lynn has updated the calendar for 2013
- David to copy Robby with minutes for posting
- Yard of the month to be posted at the start of the month
- Recommendation to use Paypal (or similar) through the site for dues.
- General Meeting March 26th at David & Allen's, 819 N. Oak Cliff Blvd.

Meeting Adjourned

- Earl moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM, seconded by David. Unanimous approval.

Next Meeting: 7:00 PM Tuesday February 26th, 2013 at 715 Tenna Loma.