

West Kessler Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes: March 26th, 2013

Meeting held at the home of Allen Haskell & David Cooper

Welcome from the President:

Lynn LaCaze

- Lynn welcomed neighbors and speakers to the General Meeting
- Lynn thanked the neighbor participants in the 3/23 Beautification Clean-Up.

Attendance (signed in):

Lynn & Tray LaCaze

Earl Stewart

Chas Fitzgerald

Geetanjali Srivastava

Tammy McNary

Tim McDonald

Ron Forwark

Clint Strong

Dennis Teague

Sue Hall

David Cooper

David Cooper & Allen Haskell

James Nelson & Marjorie Willis

Kurt Johnson & Jacques Groth

McKay Heim

Urban Coyotes:

Bonnie Bradshaw

- 911 Wildlife is a private wildlife control company.
- Neighbors expressed concerns about rabies and attacks on people and pets
- Bonnie spoke on urban coyotes
 - With development most animals disappear but coyotes thrive and are healthier in the city than the country, especially in established/older neighborhoods.
 - Used to trap them and release elsewhere but this has proven to be fatal for the relocated coyote (illegal) and if removed others move in.
 - Weighing 20 to 40lbs there are about 400 in Dallas.
 - Diet of rodents, fruit, birds, insects, garbage.
 - 1% cats which may be scavenged but still recommend keeping cats indoors at night.
 - Rabies has been wiped out with an aggressive oral bait program.
 - 5 people/year (US) get bitten but this is associated with hand feeding.
 - To get rid of coyotes, get rid of their food, water or shelter: remove bird feeders as they attract squirrels, rats and provide seed; eliminate potential den sites under decks and sheds.
 - Aversion: spray with water: super soaker or motion triggered sprinkler

Dallas Police Department:

Officers Martinez & Navarez

- Stats for the last month: 1 auto accessory theft, 1 property theft, 1 stolen vehicle, and 1 burglary (cigarettes).
- Chief on the Beat, Crime Prevention Safety & Health Fair family event at Kimball High School April 6.
- Report any suspicious activity.

North Oak Cliff United Police Patrol:

Detective Beech

- NOCCUP provides additional police patrol to participating neighborhoods.
- Police work on a priority system: most urgent/impact = highest priority
- Summer will bring increased crime – theft.
- Door to door kids are working a system and move from state to state, e.g. Texas Campaign for the Environment is a business.
- Big market for vehicle accessories (especially those without VIN numbers). Can use VIN etching or marking a Personal ID with an ultraviolet pen so police can cross reference and return if they recover stolen goods.