



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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The Berkner Park Neighborhood Association general meeting was held on February 26, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Gene Lawrence.

Mr. Lawrence introduced several city dignitaries in attendance: Deputy City Manager David Morgan, Mayor Bob Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka, City Councilmen Amir Omar, Mark Solomon, Scott Dunn and Steve Mitchell.

Roll Call of Officers and Committee Chairman. All were present.

Holly Goodside, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer Report. Our current balance is \$2533.34.

New Business Introduced: a bylaw amendment to define an annual requirement for the Social Committee to plan, manage and sponsor one or more social or recreational events was proposed and approved by the membership amending ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES Section 7:01: Committees (e) Social Committee.

Steve Beyer, Vice President & CIO, reported on nextdoor.com. He stated that it was a good communication method. The city's police department is currently using it.

Donna Buhr, Beautification Committee Co-Chairman, reported on the Beautification Committee. She reported that they worked with the city to add the Berkner Park landscaping through the help of the city's matching fund program. They have a Yard of the Month and Operation Bloom Town will soon be blooming in the median on Spring Valley. We will be participating this year in Richardson's Trash Bash on April 6.

Carol Weldon, Membership Committee Chairman, reported we currently have 114 members and 66 yet to renew for 2013. Over the previous 2 years we have had a total of 190 members.

Paul Hartman, Communications Chairman, reported on the association's website. He stated the website is in good condition and we will soon begin selling advertising space on the site.

Tom Dickerson, Crime Watch & Safety Committee Chairman, reported that Spring Fling & Safety Fair will be on April 20th at the Albertson's parking lot on Buckingham and Jupiter.

Donna Buhr, the group's Chairman, reported on the Creative Planning Group. This is a newly formed visionary group that focuses on future physical improvements in the neighborhood such as screening walls, tree planting, area signage, and/or other enhancements. She stated that the neighborhood and the City need to work together in improving aging neighborhoods.

Cindy Read, Secretary, reported that Wildflower Festival is May 17 – 19. On May 19, which is Family Day, the BPNA will have a party patio where we can all meet, listen to bands and visit. We will be selling tickets for \$10 prior to the event with VIP parking passes available for \$5.



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Gene Lawrence, President, addressed the 2010 Bond Program Project Map. He showed a map where bond money for improvements were given to various neighborhoods and pointed out that the Berkner Park neighborhood did not receive any of the allocations.

David Morgan, Deputy City Manager, then addressed the overall 2010 Bond Program and the 2010 Bond Program Project Map. He stated that the neighborhoods requested \$13 million in vitality projects and the city only had \$3 million available. He stated that they addressed the worse items first.

Steve Mitchell, City Councilman, stated he is the Chairman of the City Council Retail Committee. Councilman Mitchell reported they were working with a firm trying to attract retailers to the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.