



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 24, 2013 Meeting Notes
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The Berkner Park Neighborhood Association general meeting was held on September 24, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Gene Lawrence. The present Berkner Park Neighborhood board members and committee chairs were introduced along with several city officials.

Several city dignitaries were in attendance: Assistant City Manager Don Magner; Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend; City Council members Paul Voelker, Steve Mitchell, Mark Solomon, and Kendel Hartley. Also introduced was candidate Linda Koop who is running for the state legislature replacing Representative Stefani Carter, Texas House District 102.

Mr. Lawrence displayed the Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is \$1146. We need to continue increasing membership.

Mr. Lawrence stated that increasing membership after our neighborhood association was formed has been slow but we are beginning to see an increase. He stated that we are still working on the 3 main concerns that members of the community have:

- Beautification
- Retail revitalization
- Liberty Junior High

Judy Bergstrom, Beautification Committee Co-Chairman, reported that the U.S. weekend of 'Make a Difference Day' is October 26. This is a day that the neighborhood could come together to help others in need that live in our area. People that are having a tough time such as the elderly, ill, or some other hardship are the type of people that could benefit from the help of others. She urged members to recommend someone they may be aware of that is in need of assistance from neighbors.

Mr. Lawrence stated there were some areas that he continues to hear about or that are concerns of our neighborhood:

1. Garland/Richardson screening walls along Buckingham and Jupiter
2. Willow Bend Apartments & Trellis Place Duplexes
3. Exercise & bicycle routes
4. Rental property management
5. School crossing signals
6. Atmos Energy distribution
7. Yale Blvd. signage

Assistant City Manager, Don Magner discussed what would be occurring in Richardson in the next year. He stated that we just received a 200 million dollar budget increase without having to increase taxes. Screening walls were going to be cleaned and painted. He stated that project would be completed by September 2014. Street signs and markings such as crosswalks and bike lanes would be re-marked. There is going to be an exterior inspection each year on all rental property. They are currently working on a central walking trail.



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Mr. Lawrence announced that a home at 1804 Baltimore had been nominated for a Community Revitalization Award.

Important upcoming events were announced. October 29 will be our next annual fall meeting. We will be recognizing people that have contributed to our neighborhood for awards. December 13 will be our Holiday Party at Amigos. Our Spring Fling will be at Berkner High School this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36.