



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 30, 2014 Meeting Notes

Cindy Read, Secretary

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The Berkner Park Neighborhood Association general meeting was held on September 30, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Gene Lawrence. The Berkner Park Neighborhood board members and committee members were introduced as well as two new members Machel Davidson and Claudia Khan. Machel will be chairing the Social Committee and Claudia the Welcoming Committee.

Mr. Lawrence also introduced Officer Kerry Cain with the Richardson Police Department and Sue Walker from Richardson Economic Development Partnership.

There was not any unfinished or new business to discuss.

Mr. Lawrence discussed our business highlights. This organization began getting organized in July 2010 with Gene, Steve Beyer and Cindy Read part of the original start-up group. We became recognized by the City of Richardson as a Neighborhood Association in October 2010.

In four years we have established a good relationship and communications with the City of Richardson and City Council. One of the original areas of concern was the beautification of the neighborhood. The Beautification Committee was formed and they have done a great job. They are responsible for the Trash Bash, Yard of the Month, and Make a Difference Day.

In addition, there has been improved information availability through our website with the efforts of Ben Beasley and the BPNA newsletter thanks to Nancy Prater. Street sign toppers have been added to many of our main intersections. Mr. Lawrence thanked each member of the Leadership Team and BPNA member for their support.

Holly Goodside gave the Treasurer's Report. We started the 2014 year at \$2415.75. Our current balance is \$3226.47.

Carol Weldon gave the Membership update. At the end of 2013 we had 161 members. We currently have 192 members. Our Membership Drive officially starts on October 1, 2014. They will have Membership packages and need help delivering.

Ben Beasley reported on the social media update. He said if you go to berknerpark.com and hit the join button you can renew your membership or join the BPNA. He said there is also a place on the website where you can nominate people for the Good Neighbor Award. He is starting to launch Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Officer Kerry Cain with the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit updated the members on the crime in the area of BPNA. He stated that vehicle burglaries were the most common crimes and the majority of the automobiles targeted were unlocked.



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Sue Walker with Richardson Economic Development Partnership reported on the growth that is occurring in Richardson. At CityLine where State Farm is building, there will be a Whole Foods, Aloft Hotel, Look Cinema and Ivy Kitchen. Many new businesses are coming to the area including Pei Wei, Richardson Mercantile, Tuscany Grill and several others.

Our next General Meeting will be on November 4, 2014. The Holiday Party will be December 6 at Amigos Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.