

**Berkner Park Neighborhood Association**  
**2017 Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2017**  
**Donna Buhr, Secretary**



The following are the Minutes of the Berkner Park Neighborhood Association 2017 Fall General Membership Meeting held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Berkner High School.

**Call to Order**

BPNA President, Gene Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

President Gene Lawrence; Vice President, Stephen Beyer; Treasure, Holly Goodside; Secretary, Donna Buhr

**Leadership Team Members Present**

Membership Chair, Carol Weldon; Beautification Chair, Judy Bergstrom; Social Committee Chair, Huibrie Pretorius; Newsletter Editor, Delphia Lawrence; Communications Chair, Ben Beazley; Welcoming Chair, Bob Hackney; School Liaison, Cindy Read; Section Leader Coordinator, David Holmes; J.J. Wampler

**Visiting Dignitaries and Speakers**

Representative Linda Koop, Texas House of Representatives, District 102  
Richardson Mayor Pro Tem, Mark Solomon  
Richardson City Council Members: Place 3, Scott Dunn and Place 1, Bob Dubey  
Richardson Police Department: East Side Residential Officer, Michelle Jones  
RISD: Springridge Elementary School Principal, Katie Barrett and Liberty Jr. High Principal, Doug Planey  
Richardson Public Library Historian, Stacey Davis

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Important Updates & Announcements**

- **Treasury Report** presented by Treasurer, Holly Goodside

**Texas House Representative Linda Koop** provided an update on the Texas Legislative 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature Session. Representative Koop discussed the “big items” addressed in the session – Property Taxes, Quality Education, Child Protective Services and Economic Development.

**Guest Speaker: Richardson Police Department East Side Residential Officer, Michelle Jones**

**Presentation – City of Richardson and Berkner Park Crime Statistics**

Officer Jones presented Richardson crime statistics for Sept 2016 – Sept 2017, stating that crime in Berkner Park “overall is very low for a community” and lower than other comparable neighborhoods. Officer Jones stated that the Richardson Police Department is “doing things right to lower crime - arrests are up and cases are closed quickly”. Officer Jones also provided an update on the new Public Safety Complex and presented a slide presentation of the complex’s master plan and current project status.

## **School Updates:**

### **Berkner High School**

In Berkner High School Principal, Henry Hall's absence, Officer Michelle Jones, East Side Residential Officer presented the BHS slide presentation and provided the high school updates. The Berkner High School slide presentation consisted of the school's remodel and campus improvement plans. Officer Jones also reported on the 2017-2018 school year program where every student is provided a district-purchased ProBook to use during and after school hours for the entire school year.

**Springridge Elementary School Principal, Katie Barrett** is beginning her first year as the Springridge Elementary school principal and introduced herself as "born and raised" in Lake Highlands and talked about her work history. Principal Barrett said Springridge is off to a good start with many new staff members and a current student enrollment of 340.

**Liberty Jr. High Principal, Doug Planey** provided the update for LJH. Principal Planey stated that Liberty Jr High is also off to a good start with a 610-student enrollment. He spoke of the numerous awards presented to the school for its academic achievements.

### **Guest Speaker Richardson Library Historian, Stacey Davis**

#### **Presentation - "History of Richardson: From Farm Community to Technology Center"**

City of Richardson History Librarian, Stacey Davis gave an interesting slide presentation and overview of Richardson's history from it's beginning in the 1840s, when the area was first inhabited by Comanche and Caddo Indian tribes, to the 1970s when our own Berkner Park Neighborhood was built. The presentation included photographs, documents and maps showcasing the history of Richardson and the slides provided a fascinating glimpse into the city's past. Berkner Park Neighborhood maps were also on display highlighting the evolution of the neighborhood development. Ms. Davis closed by stating "we look to the past, but we also look forward and this is what residents want and expect from city leaders".

### **Upcoming Events**

- **National Night Out, Tuesday, October 3, 2017**
- **Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 24, 2017**
- **Holiday Dinner Party, Friday, December 1, 2017**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.**

### **Refreshments donated by**

**Quiznos provided Mini Subs**

**Walmart Neighborhood Market provided bottled water, fresh baked cookies, and chips**



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