

**Berkner Park Neighborhood Association
2017 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2017
Donna Buhr, Secretary**



The following are the Minutes of the Berkner Park Neighborhood Association 2017 Annual Membership Meeting held Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Berkner High School.

Call to Order

BPNA President, Gene Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board Members Present

President Gene Lawrence; Vice President, Stephen Beyer; Secretary, Donna Buhr

Leadership Team Members Present

Membership Chair, Carol Weldon; Newsletter Editor, Delphia Lawrence; Communications Chair, Ben Beazley; Welcoming Chair, Bob Hackney; Section Leader Coordinator, David Holmes; J.J. Wampler

Visiting Dignitaries and Speakers

Richardson City Council member: Place 6, Steve Mitchell

City of Richardson Director of Development Services, Michael Spicer

City of Richardson Assistant Director of Development Services, Dave Carter

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Important Updates & Announcements

Recognition Awards

- **Good Neighbor Award** presented to Nancy Kopf
- **Service Recognition Award** presented to Holly Goodside
- **Star Sponsor Award** presented to Afrah Mediterranean Restaurant
- **Star Volunteer Award** presented to David Holmes

Opening Remarks

- President Gene Lawrence offered greetings to members and introductions of guests.

Guest Speakers

- **Michael Spicer, Director Development Services for the City of Richardson** provided an overview of the department and described the three major divisions. Each division has specific responsibilities, but all three work together to accomplish the City's goals.
 - **Planning Division** is responsible for reviewing zoning proposals and request for zoning and fence variances, as well as formulating the long-range comprehensive plan for the development and redevelopment of the city.

- **Development and Engineering Division** reviews site, landscape, and civil engineering plans and development proposals. In addition, the division coordinates requests for variances to the Subdivision and Development Ordinance Standards.
 - **Traffic and Transportation Division** monitors and responds to existing traffic conditions and planning for the city's future transportation needs.
- **Dave Carter, Assistant Director of Development Services for the City of Richardson** provided information specific to the Traffic Division and presented a slide presentation entitled, "Traffic and Transportation – A Virtual Tour". The Traffic and Transportation Department oversees monitoring and responding to existing traffic conditions and planning for future transportation needs. Mr. Carter describes the department's three primary functions as:
 - Transportation system planning
 - Traffic management
 - Traffic safety coordination with the Richardson Police Department
 Other responsibilities include performing traffic studies, installing and maintaining street signs and reducing traffic congestion.

President Gene Lawrence addressed neighborhood concerns and provided updates:

- Poorly maintained properties, screening walls and parking lots
- Richardson Square Mall Berm deterioration
- Traffic congestion at Spring Valley and Yale

Upcoming Events

Holiday Dinner Party at Amigo's Restaurant on December 1, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Refreshments donated by

Papa John's Pizza provided pizza

Fiesta Mart provided bottled water, fresh baked cookies and chips



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