

Berkner Park Neighborhood Association 2022 Spring
General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022
Donna Buhr, Secretary



The following are the Minutes of the Berkner Park Neighborhood Association 2022 Spring General Membership Meeting held Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Berkner High School.

Call to Order

Berkner Park Neighborhood Association President, Gene Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Leadership Team Members Present

Membership Chair, Carol Weldon; Beautification Co-chair, J.J. Wampler; Social Chair, Allison Turner; Newsletter Editor, Delphia Lawrence; Welcoming Co-chair, Bob Hackney

Visiting Dignitaries and Speakers

Richardson Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Place 3, Janet DePuy

City Manager, Don Magner

Richardson City Council Members:

- Place 1, Bob Dubey
- Place 4, Joe Corcoran
- Place 5, Ken Hutchenrider
- Place 6, Arefin Shamsul

Opening Remarks

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

Member or Neighborhood Concerns and Q&A

President Lawrence described a list of neighborhood concerns and city officials responded.

- **Short term rentals** (defined as 30 days or less property rentals).
 - City officials are aware of the issue and currently under discussion. For now, concerned citizens should call 911.
- **Vehicle racing, speeding, and noise** continues to be an issue raised by BPNA members.
 - The city and police are “aware that it’s a problem and it is being looked at”.
 - Flashing stop signs were placed at Spring Valley and Yale to help deter speeding.
 - Noise citations can be issued if the offender is caught in action. Members are encouraged to call the police.
- **Sears building redevelopment.** President Lawrence stated while there are currently no specific concerns to be addressed, BPNA continues to monitor the situation.
- **Other concerns.** Members present at the meeting voiced additional neighborhood concern about people not picking up dog waste, excessive trash, and graffiti.

Response and comments from Richardson Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Place 3, Janet DePuy

- Mayor Pro Tem Janet DePuy addressed members and began by complimenting Berkner Park Neighborhood Association on our Spring Fling that was held on Saturday April 23, 2022. A majority of city officials attended the event and were impressed with the volunteers and hard work to organize and manage such a successful event.

Mayor Pro Tem Janet DePuy continued by expressing the importance of the neighborhood association and having the network in place between neighbors and the city. Stating that all neighborhoods have problems, but having the network in place is helpful in working together to find resolutions to these problems. City officials present at the meeting “are here to listen to your neighborhood concerns and encourage you to reach out whenever you need to voice those concerns”.

Treasury Report presented by Treasurer, Holly Goodside

- Beginning Balance January 1, 2022 \$6,798.06
- Current PayPal Balance 925.95
- Pending Deposit 160.00
- 2022 Deposits to date 1,630.00
- 2022 Expenses to date (417.92)
- Current Total Funds Available 9,096.09

Unfinished Business and Proposed Bylaw Change

Annual Membership Fee

- Proposed Bylaw Section 11.02 Amendment to increase membership cost from \$20 to \$30 annually and to delete member window decals from the bylaw.
 - Motion made and seconded to increase the annual BPNA membership cost from \$20 to \$30 annually and to delete member window decals. Motion carried unanimously.

MFB Project Update

The Matching Funds Beautification project for the Yale and Baylor median landscaping is completed. The BPNA matching funds project cost is around \$1200.

Member Yard Sign Policy

Member yard sign policy discussion:

- The annual yard sign year sticker has been discontinued.
- Yard signs are currently replaced every five years at a cost of \$7.
- Discussion was heard that the first yard sign will be included with membership and thereafter, members would pay a \$7 replacement fee.
 - Motion was made and seconded to charge for the second member yard sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the term 2022/2023 Board of Directors Nominations & Election of Offices:

- President: Gene R. Lawrence
- Vice President: Stephen Beyer, Ph. D.
- Treasurer: Holly Goodside
- Secretary: Donna Buhr
- Other Nominations from floor – None
- Motion was made and seconded to elect the proposed slate of nominations for the 2022/2023 Berkner Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Important Updates & Announcements by President Lawrence

- New summer and fall events are under consideration. Announcements will be made when events are confirmed.
- Fall General Membership Meeting date TBD
- Annual Membership Meeting date TBD
- Holiday Dinner Party plans and date TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.