

**Berkner Park Neighborhood Association 2022 Fall
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022
Donna Buhr, Secretary**



The following are the Minutes of the Berkner Park Neighborhood Association 2022 Fall General Membership Meeting held Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Berkner High School.

Call to Order

Berkner Park Neighborhood Association President, Gene Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Leadership Team Members Present

Beautification Co-Chair, Judy Bergstrom; Beautification Co-Chair, J.J. Wampler; Communications Chair, Ben Beazley; Social Chair, Allison Turner; Welcoming Chair, Cindy Read

Visiting Dignitaries and Speakers

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

Richardson City Council Members:

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

RISD School Board Trustee District 2, Vanessa Pacheco

Keynote speaker, Richardson Police Officer, Mike Scroggins

Keynote speaker, Ben Beazley

Opening Remarks and Introductions

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

Treasury Report presented by Treasurer, Holly Goodside

Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$6,798.06
2022 Deposits to date	3,477.00
Current PayPal Balance	179.81
Pending Deposit	120.00
2022 Expenses to date	1,915.01
Current Total Funds Available	8,659.86

Unfinished Business

None

Member Yard Sign Policy Clarification

Yard signs are currently replaced every five years if needed at no cost for continuous memberships.

If the membership is discontinued and later reinstated, a yard sign replacement fee of \$7 will be charged.

Guest Speakers

Guest Speaker: Richardson Police Officer Mike Scroggins, Community Relations officer for Northeast Richardson. Officer Scroggins provided a presentation on “Scams, Fraud, Cons, & Related Crimes” and described some of the most common scams the RPD encounters and tips to help prevent you from being victimized.

Common scams and frauds include: charity and disaster fraud, home repair scams, elder fraud, spoofing and phishing, and the “arrest scam”. Officer Scroggins recommended visiting the FBI Website at fbi.gov/scams to learn more about these scams and how you can keep safe.

Guest Speaker: Ben Beazley, Senior Vice President at Texas Capital Bank, IT Risk Manager, and BPNA Communications Chair.

Ben Beazley provided a presentation on “Cyber Security” and how you can be “safe and secure online”. Cyber security topics included: “What’s at risk?”, “Why good security hygiene is important.”, and “What is Good Security?” Mr. Beazley discussed malicious software (malware) that is designed to “disrupt, damage, or gain unauthorized access to your computer system” and the need for antivirus protection and regular security updates. Also discussed was the importance of safe and strong passwords. “Safe and Secure Online” information handouts were provided.

Neighborhood Concerns

BPNA President, Gene Lawrence addressed neighborhood concerns about short-term rentals and the Richardson Square Mall berm deterioration.

Visiting Dignitaries Remarks

Richardson Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Place 3, Janet DePuy briefly discussed the City Hall fire.

Council member, Joe Corcoran provided an update on the newly passed ordinance for short-term rentals. At the September 26, 2022 meeting, the Richardson City Council approved an ordinance providing regulations on the operation of short-term rentals. Joe Corcoran stated “we (the City) passed some sensible regulations” where the owner of the short-term rental property, and the renter can be fined. The City will require a registration by the property owner that can be revoked if regulations regarding noise, parking, and trash are violated.

Other Remarks

BPNA member, Dora Stover addressed members about the Crime Watch Patrol and the need for volunteers.

Important Updates & Announcements by President Lawrence

- National Night Out: October 4, 2022
- Annual Membership Meeting: November 1, 2022
- Holiday Dinner Party: December, 2022 (specific date & location TBD)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.