

## Minutes of UENHOA Meeting 8-21-13 at the home of Nina Lassiter

Attendees: David Roffino, Nina & Dan Lassiter, Nancy Sperandeo, Jim Arnett.  
Absent: Jim and Linda Lewis. Guests: Jerry Nichols, Jeff Burroughs.

The meeting started out with brief introductions. The 2 guests who were attending for the first time discussed their reasons for wanting to attend. Jerry was there to be an encourager and has already taken Leadership Richardson. He has been here in UEN since 1980. His daughter, Dee, who lives next door to him (a resident here for 10 yrs.) is in charge of our Yard of the Month program.

There was discussion about the different kinds of HOAs. Ours was established by the developer in 1978. Dues then were \$15 and raised later to \$25. We have 304 homes with about 50% paying dues. Our budget is about \$2500-3,000/yr. We hold 4 major events and send out a Buzz newsletter (quarterly) which are our only expenses.

We need more people (especially younger ones) to get involved. David volunteers his trailer for parades but would like new blood to join. He is willing to stay on another year to finish out his term as president.

Nina mentioned that another new person is interested named Shoneel Kolhatkar on Ridge Creek which faces the golf course. He has a wife and 2 children, ages 4 and 6, and the parents of one of them lives with them.

Another new resident in UEN is Seth Knight (who lives with his partner Jonathan Beal) and wants to be involved in the HOA. He lives at 2108 Sky Ridge Creek. Nina said he had good ideas and has young children but travels a lot.

The Agenda was reviewed and discussed. We need a new Vice President and Secretary for next year so we are looking for new people. Nominations for new positions were discussed. Nina will make calls to other people to encourage membership on the HOA. Jerry is willing to be VP for next year. Jeff is available to help in some way.

The BUZZ newsletter needs to be out 2 weeks before the next event on Tues. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> (National Night Out and Annual HOA Meeting) so that would be by

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, so articles would need to be sent by Sun. night Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to Jan Neher. Jim posts it on the Next Door website but is not a substitute for home delivery.

The location choices for National Night Out were discussed. Having our meeting indoors is a “minority” and we are unique in also holding our HOA meeting that night. One logistical problem for any outdoor meeting is the PA system but David has a contact. David asked the Richardson Women’s club if we could use their lawn facility again but that has not been confirmed. David will ask Jan Neher to contact the Care Church on Campbell Road for a “rain” place.

The time of the NNO event will be from 6-7:30. Food will be Chick-fil-a and Pizza. Tossed green salads were requested with different choices of dressings. Nancy Sperandeo will ask 3 other people to help provide the salads. The HOA pays for the food for the Annual Meeting. David will help with drinks, water, and cookies. Nancy will send an article to Jan about the Welcome committee status and give a brief report at the meeting. Jim will report on Crime Watch at the NNO. Our police chief is very pleased with our Crime Watch efforts and success. Jim Arnett mentioned that we won a visit by “McGruff” the dog, and he will register our HOA for a visit. Nina will ask the city about spraying for mosquitoes a few nights before the HOA mtg.

There was discussion about having other guest speakers at the NNO annual meeting. Maybe someone could talk about the economic growth north of us with 8,000 new apts. being built. Maybe Jim Shepherd could talk about city government issues. Nancy will ask the Police dept. Emergency Services for a possible speaker to educate us about responses during local disasters. Jim will write an article to promote Network of community ministries.

David will ask Milt Neher about music for the NNO like maybe Cop shows music? (like Mission Impossible theme). Don O’Brien brings music and the PA system. There was a request to encourage special seating for people who live on the same street to sit together to help us meet our neighbors. Jim was asked to come up with an Ice Breaker game to help us meet others. We should also

mention in the Buzz that people should bring Lawn CHAIRS to the NNO event. Tables (from Dan ?) will need to be set up for the different kinds of food.

Other ideas for different social events were briefly mentioned. NNO at the ballpark was tried and enjoyed. If we try having some events for adults it might encourage more membership and help them feel more included. We never tell people what we do and we don't have any burning issues. Our HOA is not mandatory.

Nancy mentioned the status of the Welcome committee working to collect local promotional and informational material for new residents. She has been assisted by Jessica Wickersham who has delivered some information packets already to new residents. They have both visited local businesses in the nearby area to leave introductory letters and requests for promotional material and discount coupons etc. The new Italian restaurant called Appalonia's is offering a 10% coupon to all our residents and Jessica has already delivered some to about 1/3 of our residents. The board thought it would be a good idea to save more paper deliveries and instead make a copy of the coupon and give it to Jan to include it in the next Buzz newsletter, and to also mention it in our Welcome committee article. We should also find out about getting a similar coupon from Desperadoes for the Buzz. Nancy will ask Jan for more copies of the most recent Buzz for inclusion in our next welcome packets. We could also ask the Chamber of Commerce for information and get more Recycle bags from the city. Other members mentioned that we have 5 homes For Sale in our neighborhood so we should be on the lookout for moving vans and let Nancy or Jessica know when there are new people moving in.

Since Thanksgiving is on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, the next HOA meeting will be Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at David's home. Information will need to be to Jan Neher by Nov. 30 about any Christmas activity. The Santa sleigh ride will be Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, ending at the Richardson Women's Club. Santa will be Mike Hudspeth.

Respectfully submitted (in Linda's absence) by Nancy Sperandeo