

UENHA Board Meeting Minutes September 11, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:40 at the home of Bob and Brenda Conkel. Attending the meeting were Martha Feeley, Jim and Donna Shepard, Bob and Brenda Conkel, Jan Neher, and David and Mary Margaret Roffino.

Reviewed minutes from the last meeting and accepted as written.

Bob Conkel gave the treasure report for Brenda. There was a confusing balance due to maybe a carry over of dues from the last year and an overage of \$40. remains unaccounted for. We have the ending balance as being \$3124.35 and the bank has \$3164.35 but we will just go with the banks ending balance. We talked about maybe changing the account over to First Canyon Creek Bank because they pay interest on balance over \$5000. But Oaks Bank is not charging us a monthly fee and they have been very nice so all decided it would be best to keep the account there.

Next topic discussed was the Hurricane Katrina evacuees. The city planned to cap the number we took in at 500 however we only received 5-6 families and they were housed at Huffines Recreation Center. Some of the families Richardson received are also housed in various hotels around the city and the \$50. a day fee is being paid by the City of Richardson. A lot of the surrounding churches have also contributed money and supplies for the families. The Network of Community Ministries is also taking in can goods, diapers and toiletries. Some of the other homeowners associations in Richardson (Canyon Creek, Duck Creek) have challenged us to a matching fund on the donation amount of \$500. The UENHA board has authorized us to give if needed but all decided to wait a few more weeks to see where the money is needed the most. Someone suggested we might go door to door asking for matching fund donations but that idea was nixed as some had already given through their churches. We decided we would put something about UENHA matching funds already given personally in the next Buzz. Jan Neher and Donna Shepard have already gone out and bought supplies from UENHA that were needed immediately for the evacuees. We will wait to see where our money is needed the most and see about the matching funds at the next meeting.

The annual homeowners meeting will be scheduled for October 16th 5:30-7:30 pm at Central Christian Church. The newsletter deadline will be Sept 30th so we need to get this information about the annual meeting in it to let everyone know. We will try to include membership forms in the newsletter so they will be available for people to sign up. We will also have copies of the registration form at the meeting. Brenda Conkel will check into Dickey's Bar B Q for approx 75 people attending the meeting. We will try to get a count from the newsletter asking people to call and confirm how many will be attending. We can also pass out the new directories at the annual meeting. We will also confirm the new board as follows: David Roffino-President, David Frank-Vice president, Secretary-Julie Southward, Treasurer-Brenda Conkel, Crime Watch-Martha Feeley. We will need to ask for a new volunteer for Beautification and Yard of the Month as Doc has decided to step down. He has done a great job but now feels like someone else needs to take over. We can also ask for any additional volunteers to help within the established committees.

Brenda also suggested at the annual meeting we discuss going back to having Block Captains that can pass out the flyers when needed like we used to do. We can ask for volunteers to be Block Captains for maybe 12-15 houses and maybe 4 times a year pass out flyers when needed.

Martha Feeley reported 106 people attended the Crime Watch Night Out on August 2, 2005. We were all pleased on the number of homeowners attending along with the policemen, firefighters and EMT attending. Pizza and drinks were provided for everyone attending and it was good for the city personnel because a lot of them had not eaten that evening. However, we discussed the cost of the bouncy dragon at \$400 and the number of little children attending seemed like a lot to spend. We will reconsider it next year whether we want to continue with this for the kids or do something different. We need 40% of each street list to be signed in order to continue with the Crime Watch so all lists were passed out for each member to get more signatures. All lists will be due October 16th and we can bring them to the annual meeting for more signatures.

The next social event after the annual meeting will be Santa's Sleigh Ride on Sunday December 11, 2005. David will get the trailer as usual and we will decorate in the circle at Briarwick Ct early that afternoon. We will provide hot chocolate and some cookies but we will ask for additional help with refreshments in the newsletter. It was discussed that each year more kids are showing up so maybe the neighborhood is changing and more families with little kids are moving back in. We planned to keep up the tradition of having Santa come and the sleigh ride with everyone singing Christmas carols while looking at all the lights. Doc will try to judge the houses before that night so we can have the signs out for all to see.

Old News was discussed and that was still the Campbell Rd Tunnel. There is still some talk about the tunnel but there are some suggestions on not to do anything else on the A&M report. This clearly does not fall under what the Mayor wants to do. The model they used was good but it did not say if the traffic count was correct. We need to consider Galatyn overpass and the Collins overpass. There is a new council due to the recent elections and hopefully the Mayor will have hard time convincing them the tunnel is needed. Don't drop your guard on this, it is not a dead deal yet.

The New Business discussed is the SE corner of Campbell and 75. Already, there is talk of a new development at this corner, like the block. There will be mixed use, retail and apts. There is scheduled in the future 7500 apts. zoned between Campbell Rd and 190 on the east side of 75. Questions asked, will we use tax payers money to help build high rise apts, and how much in incentives is the city planning to give the developer of both properties.

No other items pending.

November meeting planned for Sunday November 6th, 2005 at maybe David Frank's house.

Meeting adjourned.