

## Briarbend Community Improvement Association Semi-Annual Meeting

### Minutes

October 13, 2015

- I. Call to Order-** Robbie Guinn, President, called the meeting to order at 7pm. Lauren Summervill has resigned from the Board. Larry Stanton has taken Lauren's place. Introduction of Board Members- Present are Mary Spiller-Gebhardt, Chad Roberts, JP Hutcheson, Larry Stanton, Charlie Stoddard, Leigh Adkins, Jessica Strehlow, Bill Maddock, and Robbie Guinn.
- II. Introduction of Visitors-**
- A) Dave Yeager, spokesperson for Texas Pride Disposal was introduced. Kevin Atkinson, owner of TPD could not attend the meeting. Recently the Board approved a change to new service, Texas Pride Disposal. The company started with 2 trucks, now has 14. Dave has 30 yrs. experience. Good Service, curbside and Recycle. Need to have trash out by 7am. Residents may have 2 bulk items. Heavy trash each pick up. Will go behind open gate. Driver is Brian, and Marcos. Jerry Nicholson asked why recycle needs to go out with reg. trash. They need to have it all picked up early. The reason for the change in carriers was that WCA came late, missed pickups.
- B) **Comments from visitors/public-** Jennifer, her kids were excited at the early pick up. Dead appliances will be picked up. Freon needs to be drained first. Recycle bins can be purchased for \$12. The large bins on rollers are \$76 each.
- III. Reading Minutes of Preceding Meeting-**Copies of the previous Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes were distributed to attendees. Call for approval of the minutes-Jerry Nicholson moved that they be approved, Charlie seconded, all said ay. The Minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports of Committees**
- A) **Vice President-** Lauren Summerville has been on the board for four years. She recently resigned. Lauren was working on the Directory. The Board will decide who will take over this assignment. We want to update it by the end of the year
- B) **Secretary-** Mary Spiller-Gebhardt reported that the August Board meeting minutes have been approved and will be posted on the website.
- C) **Treasurer-** Leigh Adkins reported on the proposed 2016 Budget. No change in dues for coming year. Questions about budget. Several neighbors have called 311 about the damaged speed bumps. The City told Chad Roberts that it will not replace the bumps. Robbie will call Oliver Pennington's office about this issue. Budget has extra costs. Robbie moved it be passed ,Jerry Nicholson seconded. All vote yes. The motion carried.
- D) **Security-** Jeff Fondon- HPD, coordinates HPD security for Briarbend. Results of report. Homeless people at park and squatting on park property. Roosevelt Johnson is our patrol officer. It is recommended that we all have alarm systems that aremonitored. There have been very few incidents recently. A group of Hispanics working construction sites, in neighborhoods may be calling in when people leave home. Robbie reported that the city light out

at the park. Jeff will make a 311 report. It has already been reported. Diane MacDonald reported an armed robbery at Shipleys on Voss. Be alert. If you go to a Bank, be watchful of who might be following you home. Be careful in parking lots. Don't wear jewelry. Holiday season coming up. Jeff schedules patrols to vary patrol. More daytime patrols, then switch it up. Chad Roberts reported a break in in Charnwood. This home had recent construction. Keep eyes open.

E) **Superneighborhood-** Ben Hunter- The City Council has recently approved capital improvements near the intersection of Westheimer and Gessner. Widening Gessner to three lanes each side with an overpass over Westheimer. Ben called 311 about granite at the park. The granite was delivered and put down. This much improves the walking path

F) **ACC-** Bill Maddock- potential changes to deed restriction. Will go to Board, and present it at the next semi-annual meeting in April. Should there be a limit to the Board's power to limit a variance. Right now if member of ACC drops out, other members elect a new member. Headed toward having the Board apt. a new member. Looking at front and side set back issues. If it is a change to the deed restrictions, it is a legal issue, and need a majority of homeowners. It is very difficult to get a majority of homeowners to sign off on changes.

G) **Beautification-** JP Hutcheson, YOM winners, stiff competition. If lights out, report. Board passed a Yard of the Year award, receive \$ 250. First YOY will be announced in January 2016.

H) **Social-** Jessica Strehlow-Halloween Party 5-8 pm, costume contest for kids and adult, DJ is Beetlejuice. Merry makers- balloons. Raisin Cains chicken. And Subway sandwiches. Sign up on Sign up Genius on the Briarbend website.

I) **Legal-** Charlie Stoddard has no report. There have been a number of 311 calls about speed bumps, lights out at the park and on streets. Big concerns about not having speed bumps in good conditions. Robbie will address with Oliver Pennington and City Council. Trees on Stoneybrook covering stop sign. It is a safety issue.

V. **Old Business-** Update to neighborhood. Ideas- work on the park. Clean up the park. City put in Crushed Granite on walking path. Neighborhood movie night out., Chili Cook off. Directory. Working on all of these. Dan (?) ( on Del Monte suggested that have a Community Garage sale at the Park. Larry Stanton asked if we can replace trees that were taken down, at the park.

VI. **New Business** Tom Dill from Chevy Chase asked if the new Elementary under construction, will go through to Burgoyne? It will not go through. A proposal to the City Council was denied.

VII. **General Discussion-** Darryl Pever from Chevy Chase asked if the case numbers of 311 call be posted on the website and have others call. This was approved.

VIII. **Adjournment-** Robbie adjourned meeting at 8:05pm