

Overton Park Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting

October 15, 2012

The fall meeting of the Overton Park neighborhood Association was October 15, 2012 in the cafeteria of the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. President Tim Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.

The minutes of the spring meeting were read and approved.

Tracey Matheson gave the Treasurer's report. Our balance is \$21,780.57, with the following revenue and expense for the previous six months:

Revenue - \$747 in dues, \$1,225 from Overton West NA for their share of the median upkeep.

Expenses - \$250 monthly maintenance on the median, \$435 for sprinkler repair, \$747 for decals, \$447 for mailing the annual meeting notice, \$915 for the 4th of July tent, \$72 for web hosting, \$635 for liability insurance, and \$591 for miscellaneous expenses.

Parks and Trails - Joann Viola.

- 1) Changed crews for the Hulen median maintenance.
- 2) Submitted a grant request to the city for replacement of trees.
- 3) Yard of the Month committee – five members, make monthly nominations (regular and seasonal theme). Email nominations to Joann.
- 4) Master Plan for Overton Park. Tim Hutchinson is leading the effort.

Membership – Dan Buchanan (for Cathy Taylor).

Was 206, now up by 11.

Communications – Sue Winters.

- 1) Help! Provide phone call or email for story ideas for the magazine.
- 2) December issue will feature former member Lee Royal.
- 3) Deadline for December issue is October 22nd; deadline for January is November 14th.
- 4) On September 4th, the brick wall on Brookhaven was run in to; repairs are now starting.
- 5) Special Interest Groups:
 - a. Passion for Cooking.
 - b. Wine tasting.
 - c. Bridge.
 - d. Book Club.
 - e. Seniors.

Traffic and Safety – Bob Dellamura.

- 1) Arborlawn bridge may open by end of year.
- 2) Citizens on Patrol – looking for volunteers.
- 3) Issue of traffic on Briarhaven and Fieldcrest and FWFA.
- 4) Neighborhood decals – get them.

City Council report – Zim Zimmerman.

- 1) Pension revisions coming up. Police may file a lawsuit. Fort Worth will pay for its side of the litigation; all police organizations may fund the police side.
- 2) Hulen bridge is open; Arborlawn may be open by the end of the first quarter of 2013. There will probably be a new traffic pattern once the Arborlawn bridge is open.
- 3) Bike trails are going in.
- 4) TEXRail (southwest Fort Worth to DFW Airport) is a major piece of transportation; downtown (Fort Worth) to downtown (Dallas) on I-30 is also a major push. There are also discussions about high speed rail between DFW and Houston and San Antonio.
- 5) A major question – can street contractors be held to the correct safety standards?

Mayor's report – Betsy Price.

- 1) Fit Worth – health initiative.
- 2) Steer Fort Worth – new group for 25-40 year old people, purpose is leadership development.

Crime report – Officer Gonzales.

- 1) Caught two burglars last week.
- 2) Westcliff Manor Apartments – person caught changing cameras.

Parks and Trails reprise – Joann Viola.

- 1) Egrets. Check OPNA and city's web sites for things to do about egrets. Trimming trees is one option.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kal Silverberg
Secretary, Overton Park Neighborhood Association