

Minutes from GDCA Board Meeting

November 18, 2009

Meeting was held at Greta Corona's house. Attendees were: Alex Tucker, Pat Penton, Paul Miller, Jon Emerson, Steve Ketcham, Willie Fontenot, Ray Mack, Sarah Butler, Anna Hanks, Rosary Beck, and Ellen Alderman.

First order of business – September 30th meeting minutes approved.

1) Security

- Crime District. Exactly what does it take to set up a crime district? Long period of time, 2-3 years and there is a cost for legal bills. The board is unable to take on this task at this time. Perhaps volunteers from the neighborhood can and will. Board agreed we will continue to spend our security money during peak times for crime. The board voted supporting a crime prevention district if a committee were formed to pursue the steps to move it along.
- Tee Shirts – we have sold approximately 40 tee shirts that money goes to help fund extra security patrols.

2) Welcome – No report.

3) Communications – No report.

4) Social Events – Fall picnic was 11/8/09 from 2:30 to 4:30. Picnic attendance was hampered by the weather.

5) Special Events

- Neighborhood Christmas caroling will be 12/4, meeting at Mary & Willie Fontenot's house.
- Garden District will be 100 years old in 2011. Special event planning to begin.

6) Website – Can buy tee shirts on line.

7) HPC – No report.

8) Finance Statements – So far \$27,500 in dues collected year to date. A little ahead of ytd for 2008. Majority of our expense is off duty police patrols.

9) Newsletter – No report.

10) Nominating

- Annual meeting February 2010. There will be eight vacancies. The following people have served for two years; Ellen, Alex, Sonya, Ray, Paul, Greta, Anna.
- Frank Farmer and Gail Cooper have resigned from the board.
- Alex is working to find a speaker for our Annual Meeting.

- 11) New Business – Each newsletter we will be featuring a volunteer who helps make our neighborhood a better place to live.
- 12) Tara Wicker is looking for feedback for her district ten meeting to help put her strategic plan together for 2010.
- 13) Beautification
 - Park Blvd. project complete.
 - Water Oaks will be tagged in January/February to have them removed. Rosary to follow up with Tara's office.

January 27, 2010 next board meeting.