

Garden District Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014

The meeting was held at John William's office. In attendance were Board Members Eric Troutman, John Williams, Matt Swanner, Ray Mack, Fran Shurtz, Liz Spaulding, Jason Dore and William and Mary Fontenot.

Liz passed out a financial report. Eric read it aloud. There will be January and July membership drives. The January mail out will take place after an online drive. In June 2014 there were more than 32% members. The count is a little higher now.

Old Business: Eric explained to the board how we lost our website address. It was unanimously decided that gdcabr.com would be the new website address. The board also voted to reprint signs with the new address on them as the signs we have are a couple of years old and we will need new ones soon anyway.

The police patrols will be cut back until November. They were higher in the summer when school was out. A drug trouble spot was between Government and Wisteria and 18th and Park Blvd.

The Garage Sale was a success with thirty-six houses participating. Eric visited all of them. That number was up from last year. Many thanks to Lynne Lamia Wallace.

Champagne Stroll: Ray gave a breakdown of where each stop would be, how much food and champagne were purchased and the hours of the events. Many thanks to Ray and all the hosts and hostesses for their efforts.

The board was shown a photo of what the six dog waste dispensers will look like. We need to ask DPW if we may attach them to existing utility poles.

Fall Picnic: We need to find a new venue for the Fall Picnic. John suggested closing Cherokee St. between 18th and Park Blvd. He offered to do the leg work for the street closure. Neighbors would bring side dishes, as usual and the GDCA would provide chicken.

New Business: The board discussed the possibility of having a Gumbo Cook-off on January 10th. The gumbo could be brought by each cook in a crock pot. A Spring Wine and Cheese Walk could offer four kinds of wine to taste with cheese, crackers and fruit at each house. Ray asked that ideas be e-mailed to him.

Jason suggested we ask Entergy about putting electricity in the medians so we may light up the trees at Christmas. It was also suggested that we plant ground covers at Park and Government to improve the looks. Having no source of water is a problem, but we could look into hardy varieties.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fontenot
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