

General Meeting Minutes Woodland Heights Civic Association

May 13, 2003

Zion Lutheran Church

The General Meeting was called to order by Margaret Dower, President, at 7:30 pm. A Sign – In Sheet showing attendance is attached.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

HPD Officer Gorski:

Officer Gorski was not present but did provide the crime statistics for our area for April 2003. The statistics show a decrease in Burglary/Motor Veh (13 for April compared to 27 for March). In addition to Burglary/Motor Veh, our crime statistics showed 5 residential burglaries and 2 auto thefts down from 8 and 3 respectively in March.

Announcements/Reminders

Lisa Diamond with Gabriel Vasquez's office informs us that the Studewood Construction is scheduled to be let by TXDOT in September 2003. If all goes accordingly, construction may start as early as November 2003. Funds have been allocated to preserve the blue and white street tiles that currently line Studewood.

Surveyors are in the neighborhood surveying for the Storm Water and Management Project.

The Seventh Day Adventist adopted White Oak Park for a second year and are scheduled to do a clean up May 18, 2003.

The Lot Protection application for the 600 block of Teetshorn has been protested. A hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2003 at the city hall annex.

A replat has been filed for the two lots at the corner of Michaux and 11th requesting they be made into three lots. A public hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2003 at the city hall annex.

Guest

Our guest speakers were:

Dionna Lopez with DePelchin Home spoke with us about the great works being done at DePelchin. Dionna spoke primarily about the adoption and/or foster care of Hispanic children. DePelchin sees about 800 children each year 250 of which are of Hispanic descent. If adoption or foster care is not of interest to you, DePelchin also has a number of volunteer opportunities. Contact Dionna at (713) 730-2335 or at dlopez@depelchin.org.

Sabrina Strawn is the chairperson for the Travis Expansion Committee (TEC) which will oversee the pending remodel of Travis Elementary. TEC will take its three primary objectives to the architect once chosen. First, TEC wants state-of-the-art classrooms. Second, TEC prefers the green space around Travis Elementary be preserved. The garden areas are currently used in hands-on class environments. Last, TEC wants the historical integrity of the remodeled Travis Elementary to match its surrounding neighborhood. Other points of concern were discussed such as possibly limiting the number of students, proposing a three story building vs. a two story building, where students will be relocated during the construction phase, and the possible acquisition of additional land.

Kay Lockard & Jill Whitten with Green Space Committee (GSC) spoke on their goal to reserve more green space in and around the Woodland Heights area. GSC is concentrating on the White Oak seasonal wet lands area by King Biscuit and the Wrightwood Street properties.

Gonzalo Camacho is setting up workshops addressing Pedestrian Safety around our schools. The Workshops are funded by TXDOT.

Officer Reports

The Treasurer report indicates our balance as \$26,340.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2003 General Meeting minutes.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:50.