

**General Meeting Minutes Woodland Heights Civic Association
September 10, 2003
Zion Lutheran Church**

The September 2003 General Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In lieu of our standard meeting, the General Meeting membership hosted a Mayoral Candidate Forum sponsored by Woodland Heights Civic Association, the Houston Heights Association, and the Proctor Plaza Neighborhood Association

Participating were six mayoral candidates: Mr. Bill White, Mr. Orlando Sanchez, Ms. LaVerne Crump-Smith, Mr. Raymond Rodriguez, Mr. Sylvester Turner, and Mr. Michael Berry.

The doors opened at 6:30 pm with the forum beginning about 7 pm. Approximately 130 people excluding candidates and staff were in attendance.

The format of the forum allowed each candidate three minutes for opening remarks, describing his candidacy and goals as mayor. The seating order for the candidates was determined by a drawing. After the opening remarks, the moderator asked questions that had been submitted by neighbors electronically via the website, Info-Line or Bulletin Board and also on cards by the audience. Each candidate was given one minute to respond, the order being rotated for each question. At the end of the forum, each candidate was given three minutes for closing remarks. A time keeper assured compliance with the format.

Margaret Dower, President, WHCA, moderated the forum. Florence Clark provided concierges for the candidates and assisted with publicity. Elliott Johnstone provided refreshments. The facility was courtesy of Zion Lutheran Church. Arrangements were handled by Joy Stapp of Houston Heights.

Announcements/Reminders

None

Officer Reports

None