

**General Meeting Minutes Woodland Heights Civic Association**

**February 10, 2004**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

The General Meeting was called to order by Margaret Dower, President, at 7:35 pm. Approximately 25 individuals were in attendance including Senator Gallegos.

**HPD Officer Jasso:**

**Officer Jasso** provided the crime statistics for our area for January 2003. The statistics show 4 Burglary/Motor Vehicle, 2 residential burglary (600 & 800 Highland) 8 auto thefts, and 1 robbery in the 300 block of Redan. Officer Jasso again emphasized the importance of keeping cars and garages locked at all times. Officer Jasso urged residents to contact the neighborhood Store Front located at 910 Durham with any concerns. You may contact the Store Front by calling 713.803.1151 Monday thru Friday 8 to 4.

**Announcements/Reminders**

**Elliott Johnstone** Co-Chair of the 2004 Woodland Heights Home Tour spoke briefly of the volunteer needs for the approaching event scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 27 & 28, 2004. A kick off free hot dog picnic will be held at Norhill Esplanade the Friday night before (March 26<sup>th</sup>) from 5 to 7 pm. Concurrently, a silent action and bake sale will be held. Elliott Johnstone can be reached by calling 713.216.1437. Co-Chair Florence Clark can be reached by calling 713.863.8237.

**Jill Whitten** with WH Green Spaces Committee spoke briefly regarding the recent volunteer clean up of Freed Park. Jill reports that a semi truck was filled with trash, vines and thicket resulting in a remarkable difference to the park. Jill also reported that resident Jeff Schell is proposing a "Green Valentine" project where approximately 13,000 seedlings provided by the City Parks Dept will be planted in groupings in Studewood Park. The Green Valentine project is scheduled for Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**MOTIONS:**

A motion was made by Margaret Sanchez to contact Karla Cisneros requesting she clarify her position

regarding the proposed construction at Travis. No second was made and no vote was taken. However, the Board will extend an offer to Ms Cisneros or another HISD representative to speak at our next General Meeting.

In addition, discussion was held regarding changing the March General Meeting because it is Election Day and the night of the political convention. No decision was made and the General Meeting date stands unchanged. Margaret asked residents to contact her if they have an opinion about this one way or the other.

**Officer Reports**

**Anne Goldsmith, VP Newsletter**, spoke briefly regarding the 2004/2005 Nominating Committee and reminded the attendees of the upcoming 2004/2005 Board election during the March General Meeting. Currently, Anne and Vicky Bettis are serving as the Board Members for the Nominating Committee Arthur Mournian, Kathleen Boyd and John Moss have volunteered as Non-Board Members. Three positions still remain open for nomination. They are President, Vice President #3 and Vice President #4. Please contact Anne at 713.426.6235 if you are interested in running for any position on the Board.

**Sharon Grief, Treasurer**, gave the financial report showing an ending balance as of January 31, 2004 of \$24,07.49. In addition, Sharon spoke of the success of our Prevailing Lot project. Currently 25% of the neighborhood is protected, 9.5% is submitted for approval and 17% is in progress.

**Vicky Bettis, Recording Secretary**, reported total membership remains at \$12,582.00 for the 2003/2004 year. Membership stands at 21.79% of the neighborhood. Membership checks received from January forward will be held and applied to the 2004/2005 membership year. Membership forms soliciting 2004/2005 membership will be mailed to all residents during February. Be on the look out for your membership form.

**Guest:**

Historic Houston founder, Lynn Edmonson, gave a compelling slide show of the homes Historic Houston has saved from the bulldozer. Founded in 1999, Historic Houston now has a membership in excess of 400, is outgrowing its warehouse space at 1702 Houston Avenue and has expanded its hours to two weekends per week. Open the first and third weekends each month from 10 am to 2 pm, Historic Houston offers home owners interested in retaining the authenticity of their historic homes an avenue to

purchase original doors, windows, flooring, and trim among other items. Visit their web site at [www.historichouston.org](http://www.historichouston.org).

Lynn and resident Adrian Reed spoke about efforts required to acquire or move houses that have been condemned by HISD to make way for a parking lot next to the new Travis school. Plans are being discussed to raze the school.

Cookies were provided by Florence Clark.

A free T-Shirt drawing was held with the winner being Al Bettis.

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

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Vicky Bettis, Recording Secretary*