

Thursday, January 19, 2023

TTUNIT Neighborhood Association General Meeting, Forrest Heights Methodist Church

Minutes recorded by Cynthia Curry

Call to order at 6:00pm

Officers present; Cyndi Pratas, Melissa Grimes, Cynthia Curry,

President report Board of Directors introduced, Ad hoc committee introduced, Committees introduced.

Minutes from the previous general meeting approved.

Treasurer report: Cyndi reporting for Laura. see attached financials, no major changes, began the year with \$28,288, put \$25,000 in Certificate of Deposit to earn more interest (about \$700). Account remains at PlainsCapital Bank. The question asked was do we have a goal for the money? Answer, we are not making as much as we are spending which is OK. The purpose of the money is for us to dip into as needed for projects. Cyndi Pratas moved the report to be accepted, seconded, passed.

Nominating committee report: Chair Ami Hill made a plea for volunteers to serve on the committees and on the board. This is the last year for Cyndi Pratas to serve as president and last year for Melissa Grimes as vice-president. Ami's cell is 806-438-4424 for nominating or volunteering.

Beautification committee report: Cyndi reporting for Ann Howe that the City of Lubbock has a master plan for the parks in our area and is ready to proceed. Holle Humphries works on the garden spots in Tech Terrace. There is no Garden Tour planned but we are open to anyone who would like to chair that event.

Event committee report: Carla Mahan recounted the various events from the last few months, Halloween Bash successful thanks to all who attended and to Goodline Brewery for selling hot dogs and giving the proceeds to schools. The Kite Flying event is coming up soon and she made a plea for volunteers.

Ad hoc committee report: Don Richards updated us on the Godbold property development. A new development plan has been filed that changed the size of the development from 750 bed to 600 bed student housing and the 20th street section to become 5-bedroom townhouses. This is the 4th application to be filed in 5 months and is still objectionable to the neighborhood. Richards explained that according to City code law that the developers have to wait 12 months before filing another application, therefore Richards filed a motion to dismiss the latest application due to lack of jurisdiction of the Planning and Zoning committee. Made a plea for attendance at the P&Z meeting in February.

Guest Speakers: Steven Greene, Director of Animal Services and Jessica Smith spoke and answered questions regarding loose dogs in the neighborhood. It was brought out that mail carriers avoid houses with aggressive dogs. If Animal Services cannot be reached, call the police. Determine first if the case is an emergency or not and make the call to the appropriate non-emergency or emergency phone number. They passed out flyers with instructions and phone numbers. There are only 9 field officers in Animal Services so please be patient. They no longer put down dogs since 2018 and support adoptions. As to feral cats, they do not provide traps, but they do spay/neuter and microchip. Jessica spoke about keeping fences secure and informed us they can help with a few fence pickets where necessary to patch holes.

Guest Speaker: Sgt. Bergen, an 18 year veteran of LPD, re-iterated to call the non-emergency number unless the dogs are aggressive. 806-775-2865. Then he told us about an app called Lubbock Alert that disseminates information on traffic, power outages, and weather in the city. Sgt. Bergen is part of LPD's community engagement and homeless outreach. The LPD website has a crime map where we can look up the crimes that have been committed in our area for the last 30 days. Currently there have been 23 assaults in our neighborhood, mostly domestic. The Depot District shows mostly bar fights, 10 vehicles have been burglarized, and 1 homicide on 43rd & Canton. He encouraged us to light up the space around our homes as a deterrent to crime.

New Business: Lauren Prather stood to thank Cyndi Pratas for the excellent job she has done as President of the Neighborhood Association.

Announcements: The next meeting will be in April.

Reminder to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting in February and to be respectful and civil.

2 Door prizes were awarded to first time attendees.

Adjourned 6:57pm