Tech Terrace UNIT Neighborhood Association

Meeting: July 15, 2021 6:00 PM at Studio West

Minutes: Recorded by Celeste Yoshinobu

Officers Present: Cyndi Pratas President, Laura James Treasurer, Celeste Yoshinobu Secretary

Guests Councilman Griffith, Adam Hernandez, Chair of Communications Lubbock Compact, Bob Goodwin City of Lubbock, Assistant Police Chief Nathan White

Meeting called to order 6:11PM

Since a quorum is not present no motions can be approved.

Thanks to Grant Gerlich, Holle Humphries, Allison and James Barry, Susan Thorn for various efforts in the neighborhood.

Committees will report next, we still need a chair of the safety committee.

Minutes presented and approved.

Finance report: Balances $31,758.28 checking, $8522.30 CD. No income expected this year and we plan to spend $9,200.00 on events. This will leave $22,558.28.

Laura James would like to present a motion to add line item to budget to reimburse for hospitality however, since no quorum is present this will be taken to the BOD meeting.

Communication -Informal poll of how people knew to come to the meeting. In general the email seemed to be the most successful. Please check out the list of social media accounts in the agenda to get connected. We are still discussing a newsletter. Hutch students may assist with the writing of the newsletter.

Beautification- Overhauling garden beds, hand watering due to water being off, new items are on hold. The NW tech terrace bed needs to be overhauled. Plan for fall bulb dividing and new bulbs in spring. Want to recreate these beds as low maintained water wise. Also, new City of Lubbock master plan so we are on hold all projects. Susan, Holle, Anne, Elizabeth, Ami are all assisting.

Events- Andrea Mahan, reporting for Carla.   4th July kid and pet parade was a big success. Rachel White, Cyndi, Carla, Dorothy, Michael, all assisted with this even. Local business supported the event with refreshments and prizes. No home tour in 2021 but will begin planning for 2022 and hoping to find volunteers. Planning for a fall a picnic in the park and a possible garden tour (with Beautification) next summer

Old Business: Substation Mural: Grant Gerlich

Outline completed and we hope the hutch students to apply the color paint. Waiting on word from city if the kids can participate. If Hutch kids can’t then TTU students will apply color. Thomas Sinclair TTU student, Andrew Martin, TTU faculty assisting.

New Business: Big road bond election coming up for $175,000,000. City sub-committee to analyze the needs across the city. Spending $9,000,000 currently to pave dirt roads. Some of these projects are critical for public safety i.e. new fire station on Erskine on a two lane road. Will bring to city wide vote. Tax increase by 2 cents but a lot of debt will be coming off soon and interest rates a optimum for bonds. Need to stay ahead of growth. This is about public safety. No projects in the UNIT but we did get the 34th Street improvements on the last round.

Guest: Assistant Chief of Police, Nathan White.

Crime stats for UNIT: Part I crime – year to date for last 3 years. Aggravated assault 2 (down 60%); robbery down by 50%, no change aggravated robbery 1; Sexual assault up 1 (of 2 event) ; 2 arsons; property crime- burglary down 53%,; vehicle burglary down 37%, stolen vehicle down. Overall the city is down in trends.  Response times better after they moved to 8 hour blocks rather than 10 hour shifts.

East division patrol station serving east of Indiana south of 34th will open Aug. 9, 2021 at 19th and MLK. Community room for the public. Will have a ribbon cutting.

Q&A

Catalytic converter stollen from his Prius. What is being done about this. Palladium plating more valuable than gold.  Much less of an issue here in as compared to other Texas towns. Crime suppression unit- property crime experts. Recovered $4,000,000 property last year.

Meeting Oct 21, 2021 6:00 PM at Studio West.

Heart of Lubbock will have a neighborhood clean up Saturday July 17, 2021 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2221 Avenue W. They welcome UNIT neighbors to bring unwanted items to the roll offs.

Officially adjourned by Cyndi Pratas. 7:07.

Door Prizes awarded.