

**Tech Terrace U.N.I.T. Neighborhood Association**

**Meeting: January 16, 2020**

**6:00 pm – 7:00pm**

Minutes Recorded by Leena Al-Souki & Grant Gerlich

Officers Present: Grant Gerlich, Leena Al-Souki, Ryan Williams

Guests Present: City Councilman Jeff Griffith; Judge Larry Doss; Ronnie Gallagher, Asst. Director at Parks & Rec; Stephen Puente, art teacher at Hutchinson Middle School; Roger Settler from South Overton and Jim Barrick, candidate for Texas house district 83.

The minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Ryan Williams gave the Financial Report. We ended FY 2019 up with \$33,508.55 in the bank. Many expected expenses were not incurred. A continuation of the budget as-is until the next meeting was requested and approved.

2019 Holiday Home Tour Review: 428 tickets sold, \$8,480 in ticket sales, and \$2,615.10 in expenses. For the 2020 Tour, it was suggested that: ticket prices remain the same for a few more years; if ticket prices are increased, we could offer single and couple prices; family rates; and student rates.

**Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

Beautification Committee – Holle Humphries

The Association has \$2,000 earmarked for trees at Tech Terrace Park, but Holle has tried in vain to get a response from Parks & Rec. There are also four dead trees in Wagner Park. Now that Councilman Griffith has gotten involved, hopefully those trees can be planted and replaced this spring. Tai brought up that Apache Corp. has a tree-granting program. He and Grant are going to look into it.

The tennis courts in Wagner Park need resurfacing. We were told that we are on a long waiting list but are willing to cover part or all the costs if it means the work needed can be completed sooner. Additionally, the volleyball court has settled and sunk and the net lining needs replacing. We would like to meet with City Council to discuss the needs of our parks and how best go about getting things done.

Parks & Rec recently replaced the lights at Wagner Park and the playground. The irrigation bubbler still needs to be replaced for the garden spot at Tech Terrace Park. The bench at the Marjorie Manning commemorative area also needs to be replaced. Parks & Rec also resurfaced the jogging trails a few weeks ago.

Finance Committee – Ryan Williams – We need to spend our money!

City Relations Committee – Gary Mims

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*New board member candidates are needed for the April meeting.*

**Updates**

2020 Census – Kickoff Event at the International Cultural Center on Thursday, January 23, from 6-7pm. Please get involved! For every person counted, Lubbock receives \$1,578 per person each year!

Hutch/LP&L Sub-station Mural Project – Councilman Griffith said that LP&L is excited and on board and will need a meeting onsite to discuss details. Additionally, safety crews will supervise work on the project.

**From the Floor**

Roger Settler from South Overton invited us to the Historic Overton Neighborhood January Meeting with the Congress of Neighborhood Associations on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at 7pm at Shepherd King Lutheran Church. Agenda includes discussion about the relocation of The Open Door and the Save Our Brick Streets Campaign.

Judge Larry Doss and Jim Barrick spoke briefly to introduce themselves.

The subject of beautification of 26<sup>th</sup> and Boston was revisited. In previous meetings creating a “downtown” Tech Terrace at the intersection with artwork to create a plaza. The discussion continued with placing obelisks at the intersection or possibly closing off 26<sup>th</sup> between Canton and Boston. It was agreed that we should open this up for further discussion.

Gary Mims brought up the subject of Historic designation for Tech Terrace. He will investigate this.

The lack of police patrolling the parks was discussed as several members agreed that there have been less of a police presence in Tech Terrace.

*The next meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2020, at 6pm at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church.*