

Whiffletree Home Owners Association  
Annual Meeting  
April 1, 2019

6:30 pm: The meeting was called to order by Alan Kravitz. The meeting was held at the Davis Library.

2018-2019 Officers Attending (indicated with a ✓):

- ✓ Alan Kravitz – President
- ✓ Jim Skelly – Vice President
- ✓ Bill Ostergren – Treasurer
- ✓ Lisa Kravitz – Secretary
- ✓ Tom Dixon – Beautification Committee Chair
- ✓ HB Bartz – Membership Committee Chair
- ✓ Jerry Smith – Crime Watch Committee Chair
- ✓ Karen Slott – Social Committee Chair
- ✓ Angela Hurn – Welcoming Committee Chair
- ✓ Tom Moore – New Crime Watch Committee Chair

WHOA Members

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| Marsha Crawford  | George Abbott      |
| Bill Tolaney     | Tom Moore          |
| Steve Marshall   | Marianne Ostergren |
| Janelle Marshall | Bill Webb          |
| Linda Wong       | John Nwosu         |
| Melissa Parrott  | Suzanne O'Malley   |
| Tommy Mrazek     | Michael Nanney     |
| Boots Blaquiere  | Michelle Moore     |
| Ken Robinson     |                    |

Alan welcomes the neighbors and thanked the WHOA Board

Treasurer's Report – Bill

- Financial status of the HOA: Receipts exceeded expenditures by ~\$4000.00, progress over last few years.
  - Most expenses are toward beautifying the entrances
  - Saved on postal expenses due to Block Captains and Board members handing out the directories.
- Budget for 2019-2020 presented, based on 305 members
  - Expenses will be higher this year due to water costs rising
  - Insurance costs are higher due to added coverage for the neighborhood
  - Bill Ostergren moved to pass the budget, Jim Skelly seconded
    - Questions: what was added to insurance that raised the cost?
      - Extra liability coverage was purchased. Less than 50% of insurance cost is for liability coverage for the Board
    - The WHOA members voted to pass the budget by acclamation.

Membership – HB

- HB has a goal to increase membership and encouraged those attending to ask their neighbors to join.
- HB mentioned new directories will be out this Fall.
- 305 paid members for 2018-2019
- 131 paid members for the 2019-2020
  - Question asked if there were certain areas that did not pay to WHOA, but the consensus is that the paid members are well dispersed.
  - People are signing up when they move in due to recommendation from Welcoming committee.
  - Question was asked about keeping an online copy of the directory. It has been discussed in the past, security was a concern. Possibly, issuing soft copy is option.

Crime Watch – Tom Moore

- Tom introduced himself. Attending Citizen's Police Academy
- Recommended Nextdoor app because Crime Watch Reports are distributed that way. And neighbors can share information with each other.

Beautification – Tom Dixon

- Tom explained what the Beautification committee does.
- 8 people on the Beautification Committee. Tom recruiting more – shooting for 15
- Landscaper mows each week.
- Pentas are next on the planting schedule
- Question asked about replacing the bows on holiday wreathes. Tom stated plans to get new wreathes.
- Yard of the Month: First one will be in April. Awards will be given for Christmas decorations, also.

Social – Karen

- 2 social events per year
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July – parade and thinking about adding games this year
  - Winter Social – good success this year at Napoli's
  - National Night Out (Crime Watch activity)

2019 – 2020 WHOA Board and Committee Chair election:

- The nominating committee recommended this slate of officers:
  - President: Jim Skelly
  - Vice President: Tommy Mrazek
  - Treasurer: Bill Ostergren
  - Secretary: Lisa Kravitz
  - Membership/Directory Chair: HB Bartz
  - Beautification & Preservation Committee Chair: Tom Dixon
  - Crime Watch Committee Chair: Tom Moore
  - Social/Activity Committee Chair: Karen Slott
  - Welcoming Committee Chair: Angela Hurn
  - Communications/Social Media Chair: Michael Klein
- Micheal Klein declined his nomination as Communications/Social Media chair – Jim Skelly offered to take that duty.
- No nominations made on the sign-in sheet or from the floor during the meeting.
- Tom Dixon moved to vote on the slate provided by the nominating committee in 1 vote, HB Bartz seconded the motion.
- The WHOA members approved the recommended slate by acclamation.

Changes in By-Laws – Jim Skelly

- Jim went over the proposed changes to the ByLaws.
- Jim moved that the WHOA members approve the changes to the ByLaws, Bill Ostergren seconded the motion.
- The WHOA members approved the amendments by acclamation.

Bill Ostergren introduced Clay Lipscomb from the City of Plano.

- Clay discussed the new screening wall project for the neighborhoods in the city. The new walls will last 40-50 years.
  - Will try to protect the trees. Some landscaping will be destroyed. City will possibly replace destroyed plants.
  - Construction will start sometime after June. 4-5 month process. (The whole project is a year.)
  - Replacing some of the alleys behind Swanson. Sidewalks will be updated with ramps to current codes.
  - Will curve wall near the creek to deter people from cutting through the bushes.
  - Lighting and Sprinklers will be replaced.
  - There will be some changes in the wall fixtures, due to nothing allowed on the walls.
  - Piers will be placed every 10 feet.
  - Check area around Lawry Way (antique red brick) – will be maintained by CoP Public Works. Check Bryer Creek wall and entrance.
  - Whiffletree signs will be replaced by the City. Can we keep our signs the way they are? Looks doubtful.
  - Lane closures expected during the day. Entrances should remain open.
  - Community Investment program website. CoP Engineering section. Public Works. Project Status will be updated every month.
  - Will have another neighborhood meeting closer to the start of the project.
  - Our bond \$\$ at work! Entire project is \$4.5M (\$1M for the Whiffletree walls)
- Tom asked Clay about the Oncor tree trimming – how can we get Oncor to not cut the trees, because they don't do a good job. Clay said that it is a problem with the City also. Asked Tom to send an email.

Jim Skelly talked about mywhiffletree.com – he will add updates to the wall project and new watering guidelines. Jim thanked Alan for his service as past president of the WHOA Board.

Alan moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by everyone. 7:34 Meeting Adjourned