

Whiffletree Home Owners' Association
Annual HOA Meeting
April 2, 2024

7:04 pm: The Annual WHOA Board Meeting was called to order by Jim. The meeting was held on Zoom.

2023-2024 Officers Attending:

- ✓ Jim Skelly – President
- ✓ Tommy Mrazek – Vice President
- ✓ Bill Ostergren – Treasurer
- ✓ Lisa Kravitz – Secretary
- ✓ HB Bartz – Membership Committee Chair
- ✓ Tom Dixon – Beautification Committee Chair
- ✓ Bill Webb – Social Committee Chair
- ✓ Tom Moore – Crime Watch Committee Chair

WHOA Members Attending

- Alan Kravitz
- Brad Salter
- Ginny Skelly
- Bonnie Daneker
- Min Lai
- Suzanne Starling

2024-2025 WHOA Board Election

- The WHOA Board made the following nominations for the 2024-2025 WHOA Board:
 - Jim Skelly for President
 - Tommy Mrazek for Vice President
 - Lisa Kravitz for Secretary
 - Bill Ostergren for Treasurer
 - Tom Dixon for Beautification Committee Chairperson
 - Tom Moore for Crime Watch Committee Chairperson
 - HB Bartz for Membership Committee Chairperson
 - Bill Webb for Social Committee Chairperson
 - Nona Reid and Suzanne Starling for Welcoming Committee Co-Chairpersons
- The floor was opened for further nominations. No additional nominations were offered.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as proposed by the Board by proclamation as the next WHOA Board.

Committees Reports

Treasurer's Report – Bill Ostergren

- FY25 Budget proposal
 - Bill presented the report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
 - Receipts were less than budgeted
 - Expenses were less than budgeted, though a little more than receipts.
 - Bill presented the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 (FY25) Fiscal Year.
 - Emphasis on beautification for the entrances
 - Cutbacks on some items to align with previous FY budget.
 - It was noted that the assumption is based on similar membership income and the timing of expenses.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY25 Budget as proposed

Beautification Report – Tom Dixon

- Beautification involves planting, irrigation, and lighting of 4 entrances to the neighborhood.
- 5 Yard of the Month (YOM) awards were given in the past FY. Thanks to Robert Simmons for leading the YOM program.
- 3 Holiday lights awards given.
- No significant construction at the entrances this year.
- WHOA was awarded a neighborhood vitality and beautification grant that was applied for last year, and we will be using it for a project in April this month to replace dead or unhealthy bushes. This project will cost \$663 and the City of Plano will pay \$464 of that with the grant.
- Screening wall project on Independence:
 - The City of Plano will replace the screening wall between Clymer and Caravan.
 - Date still to be determined but expected to be this year.
 - Entrance plantings will need to be replaced after the screening wall project is complete.
 - City of Plano will reimburse 100% for any damage caused by the screening wall project.
- Recently, annuals planted, and entrances are in good shape.
- 5 YOMs and 3 holiday lighting awards planned for FY25. Shades of Green will continue to sponsor.
- A plea was made for more volunteers for the Beautification and YOM Committees

Crime Watch – Tom Moore

- March 20, 2024 - Tom presented at a Crime Prevention Unit event at the Davis Library. The presentation was for neighborhoods that are interested in becoming more involved in Crime Watch. Tom represented Whiffletree's Crime Watch activity as a Platinum neighborhood.
- Tom will coordinate the Plano Fire Department and Plano Police Department for the annual 4th of July Parade.
- National Night Out is the first Tuesday in October, October 1, 2024.

Membership - HB Bartz

- Membership drive active for 7 weeks.
 - Emails sent to all available email addresses – 110 paid dues after the email reminder.
 - Paper invoices sent to those without email or had not paid yet.
 - Currently, 190 paid member households – this is low compared to last year (>300)
 - HB will send 190 thank you letters with 2024 member stickers for the WHOA signs.
 - In addition, he will request feedback if neighbors need a new sign
 - And a reminder to update their information for the directory
 - HB has a neighbor to volunteer to help him with these activities.
 - Directories
 - An online directory is in the logistics planning stage.
 - Feedback from neighbors will be requested following the first online directory made available.
 - Option for a paper directory will be available.
 - HB will research ways to reduce the costs of the directory, ex. Coupons, paid advertisements, etc.

Social – Bill Webb

- FY 24 social events
 - Independence Day – parade held on July 3, 2023.
 - Winter Social at Napoli's, Jan 2024. 195 participants.
- FY25 social events
 - Independence Day – Hamburger Man already reserved.
 - Winter Social – Bill will investigate other locations, but considering location, cost, and seating availability, it will be tough to beat Napoli's.
 - Bill will help Tom M. with NNO activities.

Welcoming – (Bill Webb - acting)

- Transferring duties to Suzanne Starling and Nona Reid as potential co-Chairs for FY2024-2025
- Welcome Suzanne and Nona to the WHOA Board!

Announcements

City Council meeting

- There will be a City Council meeting held at Davis Library on April 8 at 7pm. Held at Davis Library because their chambers on Avenue K are being renovated.
 - This meeting will discuss the Short-Term Rentals and vote on new ordinances.
- Long-Term Facility Plan for PISD
 - Discussions are in progress to address low levels of enrollment at some schools. Closures are a possibility.
 - Public meeting on this topic to be held at 6pm on April 9 at Shepton High School.
- Info will be included in the next newsletter.

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Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

7:38pm Meeting was adjourned.

Next WHOA Board Meeting TBD at 7pm on Zoom.