

Minutes

Meadow Crest Estates Board Meeting

June 25, 2009; 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Location; Jim Troyer's home

Attendees:

Jim Troyer, President

Pat Cruse, Vice President

Richard Bach, Secretary Treasurer

Minutes take by Richard Bach

Agenda:

- Next General Membership Meeting
- Crime Watch Update
- Board Makeup
- Email List
- New Committees

Next General Membership Meeting

The date and agenda for the next general membership meeting was discussed. The meeting was set for July 23. Jim Troyer will try to get Councilman Darren Lathen to speak. If Mr. Lathen is unavailable, a speaker from the Texas A&M Extension to speak on Texas Smartscape or speaker from the Garland city government will be sought. Jim is to book the North Garland Branch Library for the meeting.

Crime Watch Update

Pat and Richard reported on their recently held block captain front yard events. Pat's meeting was held in the yard of Darrel Alsup.

A discussion of the recent wave of break-ins and vandalism was discussed.

The board members took an action to clarify the role of crime watch coordinator and to see if the crime watch needs to register with the GPD.

Board Makeup

The board discussed adding two additional at-large board members to bring more neighborhood diversity to the board; Judi Lazerus and Maud Taylor where discussed as candidates. They would need to be voted on at a general membership meeting. Pat Cruse is to contact Judi and Maud to see if they will serve. Nominations for the two new board positions will be opened to the general membership. The two new board members could be approved at July's meeting.

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Email List

Jim raised the issue of a second mailing list for general neighborhood information and keeping the current list for reporting crime watch information. It seems like the current list is only used to report neighborhood crimes. It was decided that maintaining multiple lists created more administration overhead. Only one list will be maintained. Instead, emails will go out with informative tags at the start of the subject (e.g. Crime Watch, Info, Meeting)

New Committees

Pat Cruse raised the issue of starting some new committees. A national night out committee needs to be formed now to begin organizing the October national night out block party. It was suggested forming a second committee on neighborhood infrastructure to address issue such as getting a wall built between the shopping center and the northern neighborhood boundary and getting better street lights. A third committee on neighborhood beautification was suggested to maintain the appearance of the neighborhood boundary wall and to run a yard of the month program.