

Minutes from MENA general meeting, at North Garland Library.      October 8, 2015

Meeting called to order by Michael Rideau at 6:40 p.m.

Neighborhood Police Officer Dial was not in attendance, so there was no crime report.

Open discussion on stop sign on Clayton at Ridgemeade. Confusion to drivers, because most entrance streets into a subdivision do not have stop signs. Speeding on Ridgemeade at Grasmere has caused property damage to mailboxes and cars. Michael Rideau will contact the city about putting speed bumps on Grasmere and Ridgemeade to slow traffic on the corner.

Reports of high grass at vacant homes, and illegal parking by fire hydrants, needs to be reported to the city.

Discussion about ownership of damaged wall at 2721 Ridgemeade. The driver that hit the wall left the scene of the accident. The city code officer says the wall is the homeowner's responsibility. That part of the wall is owned by the city, so the homeowner was advised to contact Anita Russellman to resolve this issue.

Judi Lazerus reported on the iSign program, collecting illegal signs on public right-of-way. If you would like to help keep our city clean, and raise money for MENA, please contact Judi at [grasmere\\_central@verizon.net](mailto:grasmere_central@verizon.net) for information.

Judi Lazerus reported that our NextDoor social networking site is doing well, but needs greater participation. Currently there are 88 (37% of subdivision) households that have joined. To be added to the NextDoor network, please go to <https://meadowcreststates.nextdoor.com/login/> and click the "Sign Up" link, or contact Judi Lazerus ([grasmere\\_central@verizon.net](mailto:grasmere_central@verizon.net)) to be sent an invitation.

Treasurer's report: There is \$4,861.05 in the MENA account

Leta French reported on the recent Crime Watch meeting at the Garland Police Department, that focused mostly on what to do if there's an active shooter in a workplace or school. She also reported on the "Key Lockbox Program", that puts a house key inside a lockbox, located outside the house of people 65+, or handicapped. It allows police access to the home in an emergency, without breaking down the front door.

We agreed to a vote for a bylaws change at the next meeting. The change will move the required meeting dates from "January and July" to "March/April and September/October". This is an attempt to increase attendance at the meetings, and to allow the autumn meeting to coincide with the "National Night Out" event.

Flyers on doors seem to work better than email, to let people know about MENA meetings and other events. We need to get the Block Captains involved to get email addresses of new residents, to keep our list current. Ideas were presented, about money-making projects for MENA. There was interest in doing a "progressive meal" to help us get to know our neighbors.

There were 6 Meadow Crest residents in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.