

4Q2014 RPCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2014

Zoe's Kitchen, 3701 S. Shepherd

Meeting Start Time 7:05 PM

Number of Attendees: 12 Neighbors including 3 Board Members

Open Issues

Treasurer's Report

RPCA currently has a balance of \$5500. We have 47 current members. Five new members joined at the national Night Out Party.

Richwood Place Fall Tree Drive

Door hangers were distributed in October announcing the fall tree drive to attempt to get more trees planted in Richwood Place. RPCA is partnering with Trees for Houston to provide and plant the trees. Since the original discussions the price to purchase and have a tree planted has risen to \$300. A vote was held at the meeting to earmark up to \$1500 of RPCA funds to subsidize the program.

Richwood Place Street Overlay Project

The City of Houston has almost completed the resurfacing of Lexington from Shepherd to Hazard, Hazard from Richmond to Lexington, and

Norfolk from Shepherd to the Park. The work consisted of the removal of existing asphalt and the application of new asphalt. At this time there is no work being done on Woodhead or Portsmouth.

National Night Out

This year national Night Out in Houston was held on Tuesday October 7th. Our party was held in the 1800 Block of Norfolk as in years past. Entertainment was provided by the Allen Oldies Band. Station 16 of the HFD was out in full force with the ladder truck, pumper truck, ambulance, and Suburban. Prizes were raffled off to current RPCA members. At the meeting we discussed the need to provide more lighting at future NNO events and to invite Officer Pate and other members of HPD to attend.

Deed Restriction Issues

There were no Deed Restriction issues to report at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Information Request Re 1700 Block of Portsmouth Street Sale

Moustapha El-Hakam, RPCA President, has submitted a Public Information request to the City of Houston regarding the sale of the

1700 Block of Portsmouth to the developer of the Fairmont Museum District apartments. The city has stated that the proceeds from a street closure and sale may be used for improvements to the surrounding neighborhood and RPCA would like to initiate a letter writing campaign at the appropriate time to voice our preference that the funds be used for Richwood Place improvements.

Neighborhood Communication

The platform for neighborhood communication between Richwood Place residents was discussed at the meeting. It was decided that the current use of Yahoo Groups has been effective and will be continued. To subscribe to the RPCA Yahoo Group send an email to richwood_place-subscribe@yahoogroups.com There is also the <http://www.richwoodplace.org> website where neighborhood announcements are posted. Moustapha El-Hakam brought attention to the Nextdoor.com website, which is a forum for the neighborhoods in the area to discuss matters affecting the area. Richwood Place residents are encouraged to join. The sign up page is at www.smarturl.it/nextdoorinvite.

Election of Board Members

These are the results of the election for 2015 Board Members held at the meeting:

President Kevin McDaniel kevin.mcdaniel@gmail.com

Vice President vacant at this time

Secretary John Geiss jgeissjr@comcast.net

Treasurer Ruth Adams hometotexas@att.net

Councilor Moustapha El-Hakam me@el-hakamlaw.com

Councilor Sean Palavan sean@palavan.com

At the next general meeting an election will be held to choose a Vice President. Anyone interested in serving is urged to attend this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

