

3Q2015 RPCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2015

Zoe's Kitchen, 3701 S. Shepherd

Meeting Start Time 7:05 PM

Number of Attendees: 12 Neighbors including 5 Board Members

Open Issues

Treasurer's Report

RPCA currently has a balance of \$6500. We have 38 current members. There are 257 properties in Richwood Place.

Interim Treasurer Election

Our current Treasurer, Ruth Adams, will be relocating out of Houston in September. John Cornwell was elected to serve the remainder of the current term. He has also agreed to run for Treasurer in the November election of Board Members.

RPCA Welcome Packet for New Residents

Cliff Helmcamp is designing a packet to be distributed to new residents moving into the neighborhood. It will describe the history of Richwood Place and include information about the Richwood Place Civic Association. Also included will be a copy of the Association By-Laws and

a copy of the Richwood Place Deed Restrictions along with store coupons and information about community organizations. It was suggested that new residents also be given a one year free membership in RPCA.

NEW BUSINESS

National Night Out

This year national Night Out will be held on Tuesday October 6th, 6-8 PM. It will be held in the 1800 Block of Norfolk as in past years. We are planning on having a band again along with a visit from the Houston Fire Department and Police Department. The possibility of a margarita machine and a food truck is also being investigated.

Deed Restrictions Report

1963 Portsmouth

The house at 1963 Portsmouth is being demolished to make way for new construction. A resident thought that plans were in place for construction of two townhouses, which would have violated the Minimum Lot Size ordinance in effect for that block. The developer was

contacted and was aware of the restrictions and said that a single family residence was what was planned for the site.

1752 Norfolk

RPCA was contacted by James Evans, an architect planning on purchasing this property and building two structures, a house in the front of the property, which his family would reside in, and a house in the rear which would be a rental unit. Mr. Evans requested a variance to the 20 foot setback in our Deed Restrictions. The Deed Restriction Committee declined to grant the variance and the building plans were revised to comply with the setback regulations.

1923 Norfolk

An individual interested in purchasing this property contacted RPCA about the possibility of converting the house into a duplex. He was informed that it would be a violation of the Deed Restrictions. The property was subsequently purchased by another buyer, Dennis Pow Sang who is currently building the new house at 1807 Portsmouth.

1741 Lexington

The RPCA board was contacted by the ATF about the owner of this property applying for a Type 1 Federal Firearms License. The intent of the owner was to refurbish and sell firearms. The Board felt that was

not in keeping with the residential character of the neighborhood and stated our objection with the ATF.

Parked Cars Blocking Sidewalks

There is an ongoing problem of cars blocking sidewalks in the neighborhood. This makes it inconvenient and dangerous for any residents with small children in strollers wishing to take a walk around the neighborhood. This practice is unlawful by City Ordinance and is a ticketable offense with a \$40 fine. Violations of this ordinance may be reported to the City of Houston 311 website at the following link http://311selfservice.houstontx.gov/Ef3/General.jsp?form=PM_Parking_Violation_WEB&page=SSP_Page_EmailEnter

You may also dial 311 to report by phone.

Comments

Jerry Blum stated that the 1700 Block of Norfolk will be getting three new streetlights installed by Centerpoint Energy. This block has had inadequate lighting and this will be a much needed improvement. The total cost worked out to be only a one time fee of \$34 for each property owner on the block.

Clearcutting of the foliage on the North side of US59 East of Hazard was reported by a resident and the nature of the work was unknown by anyone attending the meeting.

Liuda Flores of 1944 Lexington reported that a Sunburst sculpture that had been hanging on the front of her house was stolen last September. Recently she sighted it hanging on the railing of the second floor of the Skylane Apartments on Richmond at Hazard. By distinguishing characteristics it was verified that this was the stolen Sunburst. The Police talked to the apartment resident but there was nothing that could be done without additional proof.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 PM.

