

Dated 12-4-05:

Fellow HNP Block Captains;

Appreciate y'all's efforts in getting out the flier and presentation to our street neighbors for the HNP neighborhood meeting held on December 1st!

We drew an attendance of 59 residents, which is pretty good for a December meeting. The streets were represented as follows;

Edgefield	15	Louis Court	2
Melissa Diane	11	Dobree	2
Laura Elizabeth	8	Dobree Court	1
Mary Lou	6	Richmond Circle	0
Laura Elizabeth Ct	5	Richmond Court	0
Chrisman	4	Hillary	0
Logan	3	Adams Court	0
Perry	2	Nugent	0
		Chenille Way	0

The meeting started at 7:00pm and ended shortly before 9:00pm. There was a lot of discussion on our issues and the financing options for our association. The following was decided by the audience;

The funding option #1 would establish a public improvement district (PID) at an annual estimated amount of \$50 per year per residence that would provide a budget of \$25,000 for the HNP to address major items such as the screening wall along Country Club, sidewalks, etc. One-third of the audience supported this option, while two-thirds of the audience voted no. Thus, funding option #1 was defeated.

The funding option #2 would establish a public improvement district (PID) at an annual estimated amount of \$20 per year per residence that would provide a budget of \$10,000 for the HNP to fund small items such as a newsletter, copying, website, etc. The audience overwhelmingly defeated this funding option #2.

Defeat of funding options #1 and #2 meant that no pursuit of a public improvement district (PID) would occur.

The funding option #3 would establish a non-profit organization (otherwise known as a 501-3c) for the HNP to accept annual donations. The funds would be used for newsletter, copying, website, neighborhood functions, etc. Depending on the level of response for donations and future neighborhood meetings, initiatives would be further refined. The audience overwhelmingly supported funding option #3.

My sense was that the audience doesn't like having a mandated PID tax placed against their properties, no matter how small the amount is. The audience members indicated

that they would be willing to donate more to an established non-profit organization, than to a PID. Actually had one audience member offer to pay the \$150 initiation fee for submitting the non-profit application (although I would offer to reimburse this person once we started receiving donations).

I have been in touch with the leader of the Enchanted Acres association that has established a non-profit organization for his residents about four years ago. He asks for \$50 per year from his 100 residences and gets about 65 that respond, which gives him a budget of just more than \$3,000 a year for maintain the entrance way, mowing, Christmas lights, newsletter, etc. He has offered to help me through the application process. Before I move ahead with him, I will be looking for the final direction of the HNP Block Captains at our next Block Captain meeting sometime in February ---- at which time, we will further discuss the results of this December 1st neighborhood meeting and our next steps.

I will also be sending out individual e-mails to the HNP Block Captains, that will provide the contact info for those residents that signed in at this December 1st neighborhood meeting. This may further help y'all's street registries.

This e-mail message should be passed along to our HNP residents for their update.

I do wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!

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