

**HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP (HNP)  
MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 15, 2003**

1. The Block Captain Meeting was facilitated by Greg Ajemian at his residence of 2305 Dobree Street on July 15, 2003. The meeting commenced at 7:08. Attendees for this meeting included the following; Jean Cheshier, Brett Cameron, Sam Davis, Peg Pennington, Michelle Fodder, Amy McCurdy, Julie Malone, Donna Jaeger, Russ Hart, Sue Kraeuter, Jim Levandowski, Beverly Whitt, Mike McKinney, and Greg Ajemian (preparer of these meeting minutes).
2. The table presented no changes for the May 13, 2003 minutes.
3. Mike McKinney attended in place of Julie Mullins (Melissa Diane), who was out of town. Julie Malone will take on Block Captain status for Louis Court, which is in addition to MISD Liaison. Karen David will help Bunny Pike with Laura Elizabeth until Bunny's computer is running again.
4. Nothing new was reported about crime a watch issue, that wasn't already distributed previously. The table is fully aware of the rash of crime in Mansfield on outside parked vehicles and open garages. Russ Hart reminded the table that August 5<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out and the Police Department will be out and about making meetings and raising crime awareness issues. Russ is coordinating a National Night Out block party for Hillary Trail for August 5<sup>th</sup> and welcomes the Block Captains to come over for a visit that evening. Julie Malone presented a National Night Out brochure packet for the table. The packet establishes that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for this date and their website is [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org).
5. Julie Malone gave a MISD update and general discussion ensued regarding the importance of the attendance zone decisions to our neighborhood. Julie stated that anyone is welcome to join the July 22<sup>nd</sup> tour that is set up for the newly formed attendance zone committee for Timberview High School. Our neighborhood preference is that our kids continue to attend Mansfield High School on Broad Street. Our overall theme should be to keep our neighborhood intact. Committee meetings will begin July 29<sup>th</sup>, occur every Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Old Administration Building, and finish with a recommendation to the School Board meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Julie will be rotating shifts with her MISD team of HNP volunteers to attend these meetings and slowly collect signatures on a petition, just in case we need it.
6. Russ Hart gave a quick summary of some area projects. He is working on a more detailed presentation for our August 7<sup>th</sup> HNP neighborhood-wide meeting. Beverly Whitt and Greg Ajemian gave a status of the Herb's Family Sports Grill. The restaurant is moving forward into construction as early as late next week. One of the first things to be constructed is an 8-foot tall brick fence along the west and northern boundaries of the property to separate the restaurant from the

residential homes. The license application still remains here with the local TABC office, while the results of the TABC investigation have been sent to Austin. Once the application goes to Austin, a judge hearing will likely be scheduled a couple of weeks later to consider the liquor license application. Meantime, Herb is committed to building the restaurant and waiting for the license application process to catch up.

7. The table approved the flier/agenda as presented by Greg Ajemian for our HNP neighborhood-wide meeting scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church. Jim Levandowski will produce about 600 copies that we can use around the neighborhood and have additional copies at the sign-in table at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church. We are lined up with Vernon Newsom (MISD School President) and Officer David Looney (Police Dept) as our speakers. The table gave a couple of choice topics to Julie Malone to help prepare Vernon Newsom for his speaking duties. Greg Ajemian received choice topics that he will share with Officer Looney as well. Greg asked the Block Captains to arrive around 6:30pm to help set up. Sign-in for the residents is 6:45pm and the meeting goes from 7pm to 8:30pm. Russ Hart had a new idea for reminding our residents of the meeting. He suggested the use of small signs in our Block Captain yards and street intersections. Jim thinks that he may have a way of getting such signs for our use. We may not be able to do this for the upcoming August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, but we plan to pursue this for the next such meeting in February 2004. Greg established that the Heritage Estates Homeowners Association will be invited to join us for this August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8. Greg established that he and Michelle Fodder have been working on a street petition for Logan Drive sidewalks. Michelle is working on the last two signatures needed that would give us full representation on both sides of Logan Drive. Greg will be sending this petition to City Council and Public Works for their consideration to include the Logan Drive sidewalks as a future City funded project. Brett Cameron and Greg will work together to see if Man Street could be another such sidewalk project.

9. We successfully worked with the Street Superintendent to switch out the 30 mph speed limit sign on Logan Drive to a 20 mph "Children at Play" yellow sign. Greg will work with the church to see if we can move the sign closer to Country Club. We also worked with the Police Department to get a speed limit indicator sign placed along Logan Drive for a 13-hour span of time on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The sign logged information on passing vehicles. The results indicated that the speed of the traffic is average as compared to other residential streets elsewhere in Mansfield. We will continue to monitor things with the City regarding a residential speed limit study that may occur late this year, which could change the City-wide ordinance to 25 mph.

10. Regarding special needs street signs (special needs children), Greg has only received one request from the Block Captains. He will work with the

Edgefield Block Captain (Beverly Whitt) on getting that particular sign. The Hillary / Chenille Way street sign was stolen about three weeks ago. The Streets Superintendent has now replaced it for us.

11. The Block Captains did not add anything new to the West Nile topic. Brett Cameron stated that he would get us some information on mosquito control measures that could be very informative for us.

12. Russ and Greg have been collecting information on the brick wall that runs along Country Club. We have found that the maintenance and upkeep of the brick wall is the sole responsibility of each adjacent homeowner. We believe that the City is responsible for mowing and trimming between the wall and Country Club, but we are still trying to confirm this. David Weekley Homes is maintaining our two entranceways along Country Club; Chenille Way and Hillary. David Weekley does mowing, trimming, and irrigation at this time. However, they are due to be gone by end of this year. Greg is still working with David Weekley to get more info on the irrigation system and what happens when they leave. The HNP may have to put together a special committee to maintain these two areas. Julie Malone suggested that the local chapter of the Boy Scouts could help us with this maintenance as one of their initiatives. She will look into this potential for us. This topic will be further discussed at our next Block Captains meeting.

13. After a lot of discussion, we will attempt to create a Welcoming Committee to address new folks that move into our neighborhood. This committee would give the new residents information on Mansfield, our HNP, etc. Sam Davis, who brought this idea forward, indicated that the more people we get involved with the HNP then the stronger our organization will be. Most of the Block Captains liked the idea.

14. The last item on the agenda was to discuss the pros and cons of our HNP collecting voluntary dues to help with neighborhood initiatives. This is a tough discussion item that will be discussed at our next Block Captains meeting. We ran out of time for this meeting.

15. No other old or new business was presented.

16. Meeting was adjourned by Greg at 9:15 pm.