

**HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP (HNP)  
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2005**

1. The Block Captain Meeting was facilitated by Greg Ajemian at his residence on October 20, 2005. The meeting commenced at 7:10. Attendees for this meeting included the following; Adrienne Stitt, Sherri Noble, Julie Mullins, Melva Peters, Ronnie Pike, Beverly Whitt, and Greg Ajemian (preparer of these meeting minutes). Jean Cheshier, Sam Davis, Jule Malone, Peg Pennington, and Donna Jaeger established that they could not attend due to other conflicts.
2. Block Captain status; Christy Harris has stepped forward to take Logan Drive. Brian Swaim has joined Beverly Whitt as co-Block Captain of Edgefield Trail, and Melva & Darrell Peters has assumed Block Captain duties for Chrisman Trail. Perry Drive is still without a Block Captain at this time. The table agreed that having a Block Captain meeting every three months was sufficient for serving the HNP purpose.
3. Crimewatch; A vehicle break-in occurred along Hillary Trail this week and a garage theft occurred along Dobree three weeks ago. Otherwise, no other incidents have been reported. No other crimewatch issues were introduced at this meeting. The Police hosted an Identity Theft Seminar for the HNP at the Public Safety Building on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, but the one-hour presentation was poorly attended. Those that are interested in this topic are encouraged to access the following website; <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/index.shtml>
4. National Night Out (annual National event) was scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each of our streets were encouraged to bring their neighbors out to gather and get to know each other better. Laura Elizabeth Trail, Louis Court, Mary Lou Court, and Adams Court took advantage of this event. Ronnie Pike did a great job putting together an event for Laura Elizabeth Trail that also included a bounce house.
5. At the urging of Donna Yaeger, Greg sent out an e-mail one week ago that summarized the Rotary Club flag program that costs \$35 per year. The Rotary Club comes out and places a flag and pole in the ground in front of the house for seven holidays a year. They come around and pick up the flags after each of these holidays. Those wanting to join this very worthwhile program should contact Gary Meeks at 817-473-9907.
6. Taking on another "Donna Jaeger" idea, Greg produced a List of Useful Phone Numbers for Mansfield Services. This phone list was e-mailed to the HNP Block Captains for distribution in September. Greg asked that anyone having more ideas on phone numbers for this list to forward them on to him. Adrienne suggested that folks should log on to the City's website (<http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/>) for additional information, including code compliance issues. The city has an excellent website.
7. We had an abandoned house at 2500 Edgefield that had no yard maintenance all year. Greg called it in to the Fire Department and the house was

tagged with a citation. It is about a six-week process before the City is able to implement a forced-mowing program for the property, which also includes a lien for fines and mowing costs. A couple of weeks ago, the city mowed the back yard, while Brian Swaim had earlier mowed the front yard. The property will remain in the forced mow program until property maintenance is resumed by the owner. We should call in future such problems to the fire department to address high-grass safety issues that also produce eye-sore issues for the neighborhood.

8. Public Improvement District (PID) status:

a. Greg held a neighborhood meeting at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Two speakers participated at the meeting; Rod Reed spoke about his experiences with his PID in Cedar Hill, while Councilmember Tracy Doyle spoke about future and ongoing projects within Mansfield. Greg showed a presentation to the audience that established the status of the Heritage Neighborhood Partnership, its purpose, and how it works with the Block Captains. Greg also introduced the PID concept and what it could mean to the neighborhood. Only 25 were in attendance for this meeting, which was much lower than expected. Those that attended indicated a desire to see more information about a PID that would be part of a follow-on neighborhood meeting to be held soon.

b. On October 16th & 17th, a resident on Laura Elizabeth passed around a yellow flier to the HNP residents denouncing attempts to pursue a PID and claimed that the HNP Block Captains had made a decision. Of course, no such decision had been made and the Block Captains were just giving the residents information about what a PID is and what it can do. Greg stated that he had received 18 e-mails that were non-supportive of a PID, while also receiving 4 that were supportive. Getting the responses actually gave some of the Block Captains a chance to update their street registries with better contact info on their residents. Most folks seemed appreciative of having a copy of the presentation.

c. The Block Captains supported having a follow-on neighborhood meeting in early December to discuss the PID idea further. Potential initiatives that could be funded by a PID and what level of resident costs will be presented. The Block Captains expect a much stronger number of attendees this time.

9. Beverly Whitt brought up an issue along the back fences (Arlington city limits) of Edgefield Trail. The builder has placed a separate new fence that is parallel and about two-feet apart from the existing fences of the Edgefield Trail residents. Consequently, trash and high weeds now exist between the two fence rows that cause maintenance headaches. Beverly has complained to the builder about this issue, but with no success. Greg will contact the City of Arlington to complain about this issue.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.