

**HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP (HNP)  
MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2003**

1. The Block Captain Meeting was facilitated by Greg Ajemian at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church (Portal E-1) on March 4, 2003. The meeting commenced at 7:05. Attendees for this meeting included the following; Jean Cheshier, Russ Hart (standing in for Sam Davis), Michelle Fodder, Jim Levandowski, Brett Cameron, Bunny Pike, Sue and Jim Kraeuter, Peg Pennington, Carol Roland, Beverly Whitt, and Greg Ajemian (preparer of these meeting minutes).

2. The table presented no changes for the January 30, 2003 minutes.

3. Discussion addressed the status of our Block Captains for the HNP. Greg confirmed that Carol Roland and Amy McCurdy will be co-Block Captains for Richmond Circle. Dan Friedberg will be Block Captain for Chrisman. Sue Kraeuter will be Block Captain for Mary Lou. In addition, Spencer Owen has resigned as Block Captain for Richmond Court, and Allen Marshall has resigned as volunteer for City Projects due to time constraints.

**ACTION ITEM:** Greg ---- will work to find a Block Captain for Richmond Circle. Block Captains should keep eyes/ears open for a volunteer to replace Allen Marshall to keep track of City Projects. In addition, a volunteer for an activist on MISD matters is needed.

4. Besides the Nugent vehicle damage report filed on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, no other incidents or happenings were reported by the table. (Post minutes addition: I forgot to mention that a \$3,000 valued auto was stolen on Windcastle last week.)

5. The City responded to our HNP letter (dated Jan 14<sup>th</sup>) requesting a stop sign at the corner of Logan and Laura Elizabeth / Laura Elizabeth Court. The City's letter dated Feb 13<sup>th</sup> denied our request due to lack of traffic volume and history of accidents. Michelle advised that our next approach should be with the MISD, while targeting the new Reid Elementary School that is due to open by end of 2004, which will drastically increase children pedestrian traffic thru and along Logan. In addition, the table indicated a desire to present the overall issue regarding the denial of a stop sign and the lack of sidewalks on Logan to Marvin Kahlden at our neighborhood-wide meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

6. a. Jim brought to the table about 500 copies of our March 25<sup>th</sup> HNP meeting flier for the Block Captains. The fliers were distributed to those in attendance. Greg will distribute the remaining fliers to the three Block Captains that missed this meeting.

b. Jim presented the idea (and the table accepted) that the sign-in sheets be generic, rather than street/address specific for ease of folks signing in.

It was restated that the doors will open at 6:30pm, sign-in is 6:45pm, meeting start is 7pm, and the meeting must adjourn by 8:30pm.

c. Jim indicated that there was still a possibility that Officer David Looney may make our meeting.

d. The table presented several topics (parks, Logan issue, Mansfield Citizens United, where is the City headed and what it may mean for our neighborhood vicinity, etc) for Marvin Kahlden to cover in his talk at our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bunny took down the topics and will prepare Marvin Kahlden.

e. The table accepted a Mansfield Citizens United (MCU) vice-president's (Keitha Adams) request to place copies of MCU information on our greetings table. Bunny summarized the purpose of MCU, and that Keitha Adams also requested some speaker time at our meeting. Table accepted Greg's suggestion to see how much time is left at the end of our meeting. In part, this decision was also based on the fact that Marvin Kahlden will also be speaking about MCU as one of his topics.

f. Bunny presented a land development issue regarding Herb's Sports Club (a sports bar) that is due to open near the NW corner of Matlock and Country Club. There is growing opposition to this development, based on its proximity to kids and families nearby within our neighborhood. The table accepted the request of Melody Huffman (a lead person dealing with this issue) to take a couple of minutes and speak about the proposed construction of Herb's Sports Club at our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

g. Greg talked Russ Hart into presenting a report on City projects / development in the vicinity of our neighborhood at our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Russ also disclosed that he's considering an attempt for a City Council position at the upcoming election in May. Russ resides on Hillary.

7. Regarding projects / developments in our vicinity, talk touched on Herb's Sports Club that is targeted for the vicinity of the NW corner of Matlock and Country Club, a roller skating rink targeted for the NE corner of Ragland and Matlock, the 480 or so homes targeted just east of our neighborhood (about the same values as Heritage homes), Debbie Lane construction that is well underway between Matlock and 360 (flagging is done and grading underway), Collins extension south thru Debbie Lane, Ragland, and along side of Holland that was included in an Arlington bond program that recently failed, Debbie Lane construction between Matlock and 287 that has about 18 months to be completed, and Ragland four-lane construction (two-lane construction in Mansfield) that will start very soon.

8. The table discussed the trash pick-up issue (handling of trash cans) that was surfaced by a resident on Laura Elizabeth. After much discussion, it

appears that wind is the main culprit for moving trash cans around after they have been emptied. However, it had been witnessed that trash cans were emptied and then left on the street, instead of the grass, which shouldn't be done. We have already passed around the phone number (254-337-0127) to be called in case of unacceptable service. More care should be taken with respect to recyclables (tying down papers, using paper bags for papers, or weighing them down with glass, metals). Russ brought up trash issues with dumping along the tail end of Country Club, perhaps due to poor lighting and lack of presence along that stretch of the street.

9. Regarding any new neighborhood issues, Brett spoke about the drainage problem (dating back to a Sep 01 flood event) that has produced erosion and foundation issues for residents along part of Nugent. City has completed a study and is still considering a fix to the problem, which is currently delayed due to access problems.

10. No other old or new business was presented.

11. Meeting was adjourned by Greg at 9:00 pm.