

**HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP (HNP)
MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2006**

1. The Block Captain Meeting was facilitated by Greg Ajemian at his residence on June 11, 2006. The meeting commenced at 7:10. Attendees for this meeting included the following; Mark Brown, Sherri Noble, Sam Davis, Melva Peters, Butch Seaman, and Greg Ajemian (preparer of these meeting minutes). Attendance was light for a second straight time as several canceled due to trips, etc.
2. Block Captain status; The following changes were noted since the last Block Captain meeting in February. Peg Pennington has decided to yield all Block Captain duties to Kathy Emerson on Laura Elizabeth Court. Donna Jaeger has stepped down as Block Captain on Adams Court, but the street has no replacement yet. Joan Martin has joined Jean Cheshier as Block Captain on Dobre Court. Mark Brown has joined our Block Captain leadership registry as crimewatch liaison. Butch Seaman has joined our group as Block Captain for Austin Street. Luann Doyle has joined our Block Captain group for Field Lane. Luann has been keeping a lot of folks up to date with our previous messages. She may have a few more Block Captains coming forward to add to our growing team.
3. Crimewatch; Mark Brown described the stolen vehicle incident on Laura Elizabeth Court that occurred on June 2nd. Mark works for the Dallas Police Department and was part of the team that actually recovered the vehicle that led to a couple of arrests. Mark summarized how the crime was committed and warned us to keep alert on vehicles that appear suspicious within our neighborhood. Mark is also working on getting us additional crimewatch signage for auto theft. It was noted that a woman was found unconscious along Field Lane (walking or jogging) on June 11th with no identification. (post note: she was identified on June 12th).
4. The townhome zoning / project issue, targeted for the NE corner of Matlock and Country Club, was discussed. The HNP hosted a neighborhood meeting on May 8th to give residents an opportunity to ask questions of the townhome project developer, city staff, MISD staff, and a local realtor agent. (Special thanks to Melva Peters for her work in passing out fliers to several streets.) 80 people attended the meeting at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church. It was stated that the first reading by City Council was scheduled for June 12th. (post note: City Council defeated the townhome project with a 6-0 vote, which allows the property to maintain its commercial zoning).
5. At the last Block Captain meeting in February, Brian Swaim had introduced the topic of trash issues. Greg mentioned that Grand Prairie uses plastic bags, instead of cartons, for recyclables. The table supported the idea of Brian talking to Duncan (trash vendor working for the city) to see what could be best for us.

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6. Butch Seaman summarized the new “myhnp.com” website that he created for us. This website can be an awesome tool for our HNP! He has been pretty busy lately, but will be updating the site with a lot of our information soon. Butch mentioned that one of the objectives is to build in a webpage specific for each neighborhood street that its Block Captain would maintain for street messages, announcements, etc, that otherwise would not be appropriate for neighborhood wide distribution. The table showed much appreciation towards Butch for his website contribution.

7. Greg stated that he does not have an update on the progress of the City’s Park Department to establish a neighborhood park along Debbie Lane. (post note: Greg made contact with the Park Department on June 14th and there has been little progress lately. But, the Park Department stated that the initiative is still alive, but they have been concentrating on work along the Walnut Creek Linear Park as of late.)

8. Greg reminded the table that National Nite Out (NNO) is scheduled for August 1st. Each street is encouraged to coordinate their own block parties or gatherings such that neighbors can get to know each other better. Anyone wanting to get a permit for blocking off a street should get the process started pretty soon.

9. Greg mentioned that the Public Improvement District (PID) concept for funding the neighborhood, which failed to gain enough neighborhood support last December, is being studied by City staff. The City may opt to follow the approach of Grand Prairie, which has established 11 PID’s to date.

10. Sam stated that the commercial trash bins at the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church are being emptied by Duncan before 5:00 in the morning on trash pick-up days. The noise of emptying the trash bins has been disturbing the neighbors along Chenille Way. (post note: Greg called Duncan and they committed to extend their schedule for emptying the trash bins until 7:00.)

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.