

**Winlow Place Civic Club
General Meeting
July 10, 2007 Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order ~7:15 pm. President Mary Needham welcomed new residents & attendees
 - The newest is Kieran Sean McKenna, born 7/7/07
 - Doug Morrow – who has bought a lot in the 1700 block of Harold and plans to build on it
 - Ken Rice / Sarah Goodpastor – who have done a beautiful job of restoration on the house at the corner of Kipling & Dunlavy
 - Sandra Roeder – in the 1800 block of Kipling

A guest, Paula Harris, who is running for school board in the November 6 election, was recognized and given an opportunity to address the Civic Club.
2. **Secretary's report:** Kay Warhol, secretary, distributed copies of the March 24 general meeting minutes. Vernon Durke moved and Paul Cobb seconded acceptance of the minutes as published. The motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Denise Hanks reported collection to date of \$4,400 in dues with 71 members paid for 2007. WPCC has a bank balance of \$7,000 in the general civic club account and \$3,700 in the security account.
4. **Deed restrictions/Minimum lot size applications:** Mary expressed thanks to the 5 residents who have recently signed the updated restrictions. Mary also thanked deed restrictions chair Jeff Grant for an extraordinary job in recruiting more folks to sign.

A discussion followed on the purpose of the new minimum lot size and setback ordinance and how it relates to our deed restrictions. It was also noted that the City Planning Commission ruled in favor of Mandell Place with regard to the protests that had been made against its application for minimum setbacks.
5. **Signs** – Mary thanked new member and graphics artist Sandi Roeder for her terrific designs for new WPCC signs. Mary invited all to review these at the end of the meeting and vote on the one they like best and that best reflects our neighborhood.
6. **Crime in the neighborhood** – There are reports of new graffiti and other forms of vandalism. Residents are urged to call the police if they see any of this activity in progress and to call 311 if they spot the results of vandalism after the fact.

It was also noted that a new product is available from Acme Lumber in San Antonio to clean graffiti. Vernon Durke moved that we buy a gallon of the product for the neighborhood. Audrey Cook seconded the motion and it was passed.
7. **Security update** – Vernon Durke, security chair, reviewed activities of the last 6 months on trying to put in place a security patrol. He reviewed the results of the WPCC survey showing what residents said they were willing to pay for a patrol, the largest percentage indicating \$50-74/month. Based on this it does not appear that WPCC can support a patrol on our own. Also, Neartown does not seem to be making progress on getting a patrol for the larger area.

Vernon proposed that we canvass the neighborhood, going door-to-door to determine who is willing to participate in funding a patrol, with a target of \$60 per month per household. This would be accomplished by the block captains with help from volunteers. Need 85 subscribers at \$60 per month to pay for one officer for a 40 hour week.

Discussion followed and Vernon was thanked for his persistent work on this.

John Grossman put Vernon's proposal in the form of a motion with the added provision that an information sheet and questions be sent out in advance followed by personal canvassing of all the WP households soliciting a pledge of \$60/month. Stacey Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposed.
8. **Neartown** – Kay, who attended for WP representative John Grossman, gave a brief summary of the recent Neartown meeting. There was discussion of the management district, a presentation by Officer Pate on behalf of the HPD storefront on Westheimer and an announcement about a neighborhood garage sale in which other civic clubs were invited to participate.
9. **Other** – Mary noted that a new block captain is needed for 1800 block of Kipling. Sandra Roeder volunteered.

Mary invited all to review and vote on the sign designs prepared by Sandra Roeder and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by Kay Warhol, secretary