

**Minutes  
Winlow Place Civic Club  
General Meeting and Annual Elections  
December 5, 2006**

- President Mary Needham welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 7:35pm
- Summary of 2006 WPCC Accomplishments
  - The civic club has grown to 123 paid members
  - WPCC succeeded in placing neighborhood friendly limits on the neighboring Westheimer apartment development; Trammel Crow is keeping us up to date on the construction and has provided a contact for issues. Residents are reminded to call if there are any violations of our agreement.
  - The major accomplishment is greater participation of more people in the business of the civic club. The website has become a great communication tool - thanks to Vernon for his work.
- Secretary's report
  - Kay summarized the main business of the October 30 meeting; minutes will be posted to the website
- Survey results
  - Kay provided a verbal report on the highlights of the Winlow Place Resident and Business Survey. A complete report will be posted to the website and there will be further discussion of 2007 civic club activities in light of the survey results. Thanks to all who participated.
- Treasurer's report
  - Jim reported 123 dues-paying members for 2006
  - 2006 Revenue:

Dues:	\$1,887
Fundraising:	\$1,590
Total:	\$3,477
  - 2006 Expenses: \$2,567 (\$944 for newsletter)
  - Balances:

General fund:	\$2,429
Security fund:	\$3,599
  - There was a question about the timing of dues collection – Annual dues are for the calendar year and are collected beginning in January.
- Deed Restrictions – no new business
- Webmaster
  - Vernon reported that he will be publishing the specs for a potential Constable contract; no new crime reports have come in.
  - Denise reported attempted thefts in 1900 block of Marshall; the Constable was called. John G also reported robbery at a duplex in 1800 block of Kipling.
- Security
  - Vernon reported on his meeting with JP Hernandez, deputy constable, regarding the Constable's interest in setting up storefront and WPCC possible interest in reinstating a patrol. St Stephens has been identified as a possible space for a storefront; members were asked for other ideas. Also covered getting other neighborhoods together for a patrol and targeting specific times and areas.
  - Discussion - potential issue if money is collected in advance; in past WPCC paid Upper Kirby; could we collect quarterly; as a 501c3, possibility for WPCC to borrow funds. Note that survey showed that 60% are willing to contribute \$25 or more to a patrol.
- Neartown: Discussion of Civility ordinance, what it means, how it was initiated and the petition signed by most Neartown civic clubs to expand to the whole area.
- Newsletter: Kris reported that she is trying to get 6 issues out per year; had 5 for 2006. Jan/Feb will have strong focus on membership. Looking for human interest stories from block captains as well.

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- Election of WPCC Officers for 2007
  - Mary noted that there were no nominations for Neartown representative. John Grossman volunteered to stand for the position.
  - With that addition the slate of nominations was presented as follows:
    - President: Mary Needham
    - Vice president: Bruce Smith
    - Secretary: Kay Warhol
    - Treasurer: Denise Hanks
    - Neartown rep: John Grossman
    - Committee Chairs
      - Security: Vernon Durke
      - Newsletter: Kris Kelly
      - Deed restrictions: Jeff Grant
      - Historian: Audrey Cook
  - Tony Carroll moved that the slate as presented be elected; George Barnstone seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Other business
  - Pamela Rape moved and Tony seconded that we spend \$100 to continue membership in the Neartown association. Following discussion, a vote was called and the motion passed.
  - Many thanks to Jim Cooney for 7 years of service as Treasurer!
  - Discussion of various neighborhood concerns: House on McDuffie; what to do about Graffiti on corner of Hazard and Harold on curb, trees, vines; recycling.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.