

## **Minutes**

### **Willow Meadows Civic Club General Meeting**

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Willow Meadows Baptist Church

**Call to Order:** President Laura Paletz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Secretary Howard Lindsay read aloud the Minutes of the December 13, 2016 General Meeting. Motion to approve as read was made by Bill Cook, seconded by Heather Deiss. Motion passed.

The evening's speaker was Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan. His office represents all County departments in civil matters. Acknowledging that flood control is an enormous problem for neighborhoods such as Willow Meadows, Mr. Ryan explained that there are 22 watersheds in Harris County. At \$480 million, Project Brays is the largest ever undertaken by the Flood Control District. A continuous stream of federal and local funding has made for steady progress since the mid-1990s. An estimated completion date of 2021 assumes an annual funding level of \$20 million from the Corps of Engineers. For more information, Mr. Ryan suggested visiting the website, [www.projectbrays.org](http://www.projectbrays.org).

**Treasurer's Report:** Heather Deiss reported that WMCC finished 2016 with a net loss of \$22,349.61 (net loss of \$42,985.61 excluding donations, but a gain of \$1,807.55 due to security expenses funded by the general security fund), reducing equity to \$265,000. Assessment income was below the budgeted amount by \$1,500 primarily due to unpaid dues. As in years past, Security Patrol expenses account for 80% of expenditures. 2017 assessments are now due. Please contact Heather if you need a customized payment plan.

The complete Treasurer's Report may be found in the March *WM News* and on the club's website, [www.willowmeadows.org](http://www.willowmeadows.org).

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Website Committee:** Not present, no report.

**Security Committee:** Lt. Mike Barrow reported that criminal activity since the last general meeting has been relatively light. In December, there was one Burglary of an (unsecured) Motor Vehicle and one Disturbance of the Peace. In January there was one Assault on a Police Officer, two BMV's and one burglary of an (uninhabited) home. In February there were two Criminal Mischief incidences.

**Newsletter Committee:** Howard Lindsay said that the March issue of *Willow Meadows News* has been printed and distributed.

**Maintenance and Beautification:** Co-Chairman Bill Cook said that the civic club mows and picks up trash in all common areas weekly during growing season. We also maintain the sidewalks, bus stops and esplanades. He is working with the City Parks Department for the civic club to "adopt" the last esplanade on West Bellfort before South Post Oak. One problem is that there appears to be no water meter within range of this point. We may have to install a new one. In response to a citizen's question, Bill said that planting roses, such as the knock-out variety, in the esplanade would be prohibited because the esplanade is so close to the intersection that the plants would cause a "line of sight" problem for traffic. He plans to use stones to make it difficult for panhandlers to stand there.

**Deed Restrictions Enforcement:** No report.

**Architectural Control Committee:** Chair Jeff Peters said he has not received any new applications, but he knows of several coming soon.

Stephen made a motion to accept the Standing Committee reports, seconded by Tina. Motion passed.

**Special Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Vice President Steven Paletz said that regarding the problematic home on Cliffwood violating our deed restriction against operating as a group home, the Texas Workforce Commission dismissed the operator's complaint against the civic club.

Construction continues in the North Section. The residents there are being surveyed in person about their construction complaints. We are now waiting for Mayor Turner to place on the City Council agenda his program for reducing homelessness and panhandling.

**New Business:** President Laura Paletz stated that we are in need of a volunteer to assume leadership of a 2017 community picnic. The event was cancelled last year due to a lack of volunteer and may be again. She encouraged residents to contact her if they know of a candidate. Laura said that the speaker at the June General Meeting will be Harris County Judge Ed Emmett.

Vincent Sanders of State Representative Shawn Thierry's office introduced himself and said that Rep. Thierry is working hard in the current legislative session. Mr. Sanders distributed a list of bills authored by Rep. Thierry.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made at 8:50 by Bill Cook, seconded by Tina.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Lindsay  
WMCC 2017 Secretary