

## Minutes

### Willow Meadows Civic Club General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Willow Meadows Baptist Church

**Call to Order:** President Steven Paletz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Secretary Howard Lindsay read aloud the Minutes of the June 14, 2016 General Meeting. Motion to approve as read was made by Seng Toh, seconded by Heather Deiss. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Heather Deiss, Treasurer, reported that as of August 8, 2016, Willow Meadows Civic Club has received approximately 84% of the 2016 dues income budgeted this year. She continues to send out collection letters as necessary. Expenses have increased slightly due to insurance costs, a "new" security car, and additional security officers. The Board re-allocated \$11,000 in unspent funds from Accounting/Bookkeeping and Deed Restriction Services to expand the scope of Maintenance and Beautification. The complete Treasurer's Report may be found in the September *WM News* and on the club's website, [www.willowmeadows.org](http://www.willowmeadows.org).

Regarding the 2017 proposed budget, Heather said that there will be no dues increase. Residents will vote on the budget, which is printed in the September issue of *WM News*, in December. The Security officers will receive a \$1/hour raise, we will spend more for Beautification, and we will use cash reserves to address aggressive panhandling at the West Bellfort/South Post Oak intersection.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

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

**Security Committee:** Lt. Mike Barrow encouraged all residents to register with the WM website and to use the on-line form from there to make vacation watch requests. Crime during June, July and August was light. He warned that some criminals are using the HCAD website to obtain the names and addresses of homeowners, then knocking on those doors and telling

them that they have been sent to do a survey of the property. Residents should not let these people into their homes or yards. Security Chair Stephen Polnaszek said the Security Patrol has a “new” car painted in the black-and-white color scheme now being used by HPD. It also has a large WM decal. This vehicle will replace an older one, which will be sold.

**Newsletter Committee:** Howard Lindsay, Chairman.

The September issue of *Willow Meadows News* has been printed and distributed.

**Maintenance and Beautification:** Co-Chairman Bill Cook said that the Centerpoint right-of-ways are now being mowed and edged. Our bridge abutments are being maintained for the first time. He coordinated a “spring cleaning” of West Bellfort sidewalks, including tree trimming and trash pickup. For the first time, our maintenance crews are picking up trash as well as mowing. METRO cleans its bus stops twice a week; we are now cleaning them a third time. The civic club is applying to the City to officially “adopt” all the esplanades along West Bellfort. The Meyer Park Corporation maintains the north side along its properties.

**Deed Restrictions Enforcement:** No report.

**Architectural Control Committee:** No report.

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

**Special Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Steven Paletz said that the new contractor for the Willow Waterhole Project has begun work in the North Section. This contractor is much more professional than the previous one. His heavy construction equipment is temporarily parked in vacant lots. The contractor obtained permission from the owners to use their lots and is paying them for the privilege. Otherwise, the equipment would have to be parked in the streets, blocking traffic.

**New Business:** Former board member Jim Schroeder and his wife, Sharon Pope, have volunteered to serve as Election Co-Chairs for our upcoming election. At that election, residents will vote on the 2017 budget and choose board members. Ballots should be mailed at the end of October. The position of President is vacant, with no applicants. Current president Steven Paletz, who is term-limited, will run for the office of Vice President. The current VP, Bill Cook, will run for an at-large position. Jim Kellam and Manju Mani have agreed to run for the board.

A resident asked about Superneighborhoods. Steven explained that they are organizations of several surrounding neighborhoods that agree to cooperate for common interests. The goal is to have a more powerful voice when seeking cooperation from the City, for example.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made at 8:20 by Heather Deiss, seconded by Bill Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Lindsay  
WMCC 2016 Secretary