

Minutes

Willow Meadows Civic Club General Meeting

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Heather Deiss reported that as of November 11, 2016, Willow Meadows Civic Club has received approximately 95% of the 2016 dues income budgeted this year and continues to pursue past-due collections. We have paid nearly all expected expenses other than Security Patrol costs for December. Non-security expenditures for 2016 are running below budgeted amounts due to absence of the annual picnic and lower general printing and legal fees. Net income is \$28,909.28 (-\$4,597.95 excluding donations), with a cash balance of \$305,186.

The complete Treasurer's Report may be found in the December WM News and on the club's website, www.willowmeadows.org.

Residents voted to approve the 2017 budget (See election results below). The Security officers will receive a \$1/hour raise, we will spend more for Maintenance and 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 reported that criminal activity last month was much like the previous month—relatively light. Kick-ins of front and rear doors continue to be criminals' preferred method of home entry. Lt. Barrow said that if residents would like a security assessment of their homes, contact the Security Patrol. There was an aggravated robbery of a man in his

garage on Greenwillow. A black male pistol-whipped the resident and robbed him. Please remember to be aware of your surroundings at all times

Naturally, December is the peak month for package theft from front porches. Ask your neighbors to watch for package deliveries on your porch, and do the same for them. Use computer software to track the deliveries, if possible.

Security Chair Stephen Polnaszek referenced the outstanding work of Security Patrol Officer Ricardo Martins in defusing a potential SWAT situation at a home on Cliffwood. Stephen detailed the event in the December issue of *WM News*. He also wrote an article about the outstanding community service regarding flooding assistance of Holly Davies, who received a Volunteer Gold Services Award as our CERT liaison. Holly received a congratulatory letter from County Judge Ed Emmett and President Obama.

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

Maintenance and Beautification: Co-Chairman Bill Cook said that at this time of year, our common grass areas are mowed twice a month. We will resume weekly mowing in April. Our entrance monuments were inspected for damage and received an "all clear." The Board has approved esplanade revisions to discourage panhandlers. We will go out for bid on repairs to the esplanades, as well as the sprinkler systems, shortly.

Deed Restrictions Enforcement: No report.

Architectural Control Committee: Chair Jeff Peters said he has received only two architectural plans for new homes, in addition to one carport.

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

Special Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: Steven Paletz said that construction for the Willow Waterhole Project continues in the North Section. The new contractor is much

more professional than the previous one and has received many compliments. His crews work across driveways in the daytime, but he makes sure to clear the driveways in the evenings.

Our “civility petition” had more than enough people and square footage to meet the requirements. The petition has been submitted to the City. If approved, our efforts, along with those of adjacent neighborhoods, will create the City’s largest civility ordinance.

Resident Hugh Rafferty noted that U.S. House of Representatives member John Culberson of Texas’ District 7 was responsible for funding the Army Corps of Engineers’ plans to improve the water flow in the Brays Bayou watershed. This should spare flooding for approximately 29,000 homes. Mr. Rafferty asked the civic club to appoint a Willow Meadows resident to take his place on the Brays Bayou Association.

New Business: Election results, compiled by former Board Member and Election Chair Jim Schroeder, are shown below.

2017 WMCC Board of Directors

President: Open	Vice-President
Cynthia Adamson—1 Cliff Egan—1 James Kellam—1 Laura Mitzner—59 Russell Ramsey—1 Eric Wolz—1 Judy Yambra—1	Steven Paletz—152

Secretary	Treasurer
Howard Lindsay—150	Heather Deiss—149
At-Large Director, Position 1	At-Large Director, Position 2
Stephen Polnaszek—152	Tina Myers—149
At-Large Director, Position 3	At-Large Director, Position 4
Cynthia Mora—150	Seng Toh—148
At-Large Director, Position 5	At-Large Director, Position 6
Bill Cook—148	Jeff Peters—148
At-Large Director, Position 7	At-Large Director, Position 8
Danielle Etter—21 Manju Mani—122	Erich Wolz—148

2017 WMCC Operating & Capital Budget

For—152	Against—3
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Total Ballots Received: 160

Ballot(s) Disqualified: 1 (unsigned mail-in)

Total Ballots Counted: 159

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 8:45 by Heather Deiss, seconded by Bill Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Lindsay
WMCC 2016 Secretary