

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes Jan 28, 2009

Members present were Bob Noyes, Randy Griffin, Bill Marx, Mike Conlin, Margaret Conlin, Jean Ryan, Chuck Pomatto, Paul Figel, Bob Turney, and Linda Befort. Guests present were Sgt. Chris Jacques of the Dallas Police Department, Mary Nix of the Dept. of Sanitation, City of Dallas, and Michael Vaughn, Manager of the Sanitation Dept.

Sgt. Jacques reported the following crimes in our area in December, 2008: 1 business burglary, 2 shoplifting incidences, 1 grocery store theft, 2 car burglaries on Best, and 1 package stolen from the front door of a house on Royal Springs.

Bob Noyes reported an excess of cars parked at a residence property in the 3800 block of Merrell. Mary Nix suggested we call the City of Dallas code violation department 670-3118 or go to www.dallascityhall.com and click on "Concerns" if we see something in our neighborhood we might question.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Linda Befort reported the Crime Watch bank balance is \$6047.54.

Bob Noyes reported that Ross Coulter is negotiating with off duty police officers to begin our Extended Neighborhood Patrol program in February. We need \$60,000 to cover 7 days a week and we have \$38,000. We can start with \$45,000 which means we must raise another \$3500 or 24 more households. Everyone was encouraged to go back to their neighbors who have not joined and urge them to participate. Linda Befort can supply a list of who has subscribed or not on each street.

Paul Figel reported that 2 VIP magnate signs that go on our cars when we patrol were missing. One was returned from a woman who found it in downtown Dallas and the other was found on Mary Jane. Now the extra sign is missing. Paul suggested we wash the area of our cars where we put the signs so they adhere better, and let him know

immediately if we loose any. They are also to be stored flat under the bin of equipment at the fire station. Rolling them up causes them to crack.

Chuck Pomatto passed around the sign up patrol schedule for February and suggested we call people on the list who do not drive inviting them to patrol.

Bill Marx reported no new members but 6 applications were taken over the holidays for processing.

Mary Nick, guest speaker, talked about the history of the Recycling Program in Dallas and how we in Texas are far behind other states. She passed out a 12 page brochure. Recycled aluminum and steel give Dallas the most money. Dallas has announced at the end of January that it will go to a one day a week pick up for garbage and recycling. Our neighborhood day is Monday. Paint, oil, batteries, etc. can be taken to 11234 Plano Road. The times that facility is open varies.

Michael Vaughn, manager of sanitation, suggested we call him with issues of brush and bulk trash. His number is 213-670-0791.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ryan

Acting Secretary