

## Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes June 24, 2009

Members present were Linda Befort, Bill Marx, Randy Griffin, Ilda Manriquez, Paul Figel, Gary Patton, Chuck Pomatto, Phil Hughes, Joyce Tepley, Margaret Conlin, and Mike Conlin. Officer Spivey was our guest from the Dallas Police Department.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Linda Befort at 7:03 pm.

Officer Spivey reported an increase in crime from last month and last year during this same time period. The worst ones were 2 robberies at gun point. Both happened between the hours of 11 pm and 8 am in a parking lot and at Peter Pan Park. The perpetrators are two Hispanic males who have not been apprehended yet, but who follow the same MO each time other areas besides ours.

We also had 3 residential burglaries, one on Coppedge and two on Regent. The homes on Regent were near each other. One entry was through an open garage door and one was by breaking a rear window. They happened both day and night.

There were no auto thefts as usual, but 6 cars were broken into during the night in various places in our neighborhood. Thieves took whatever they could get in a hurry like radios and GPS devices.

One resident reported traffic cones removed from his property and another resident who has a lawn service had an edger taken from the back of his truck as he was mowing someone's lawn. He had only left the truck unattended for 2 minutes and didn't see anyone on the street.

The Conlins reported that when they were patrolling today they heard a call on the police scanner for an officer to go to Merrell near Heather where a suspicious vehicle was cruising. By the time they drove there the police had come to check it out but the vehicle had left the scene.

Joyce called for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Marx moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill Fay. Motion carried.

Linda reported that we now have 328 ENP paid members bringing our total to \$46,051.65. The Crime Watch balance is \$6031.58 after a deposit of \$45.00 and a debit of \$221.48, reimbursed expenses paid to Bill Fay for National Night Out.

Phil printed a query report about the neighborhood website showing various words people who search the Internet use which happens to bring up our website to them. One of the search phrases were "Paul Figel".

Chuck thanked the following people for patrolling last month: Bob and Marcia Noyes, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Paul Figel, Bob Turney, Mike and Margaret Conlin, Randy Griffin, Bill Marx, and Ilda Manriquez. The Noyes' did two patrols.

Bill Marx suggested that we wear our VIP T-shirts at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and picnic coming soon. He reported that the next CHIPS (Citizens Helping In Parking) Training will be at the police station this coming Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm.

Bill also asked for other volunteers besides him to go to the stores in our area inviting them to join our ENP program. Ilda volunteered to go with him.

Chuck reported that he attended the Safety Fair at the NW station. There were lots of children with their families and many car seats were given away along with fire extinguishers and basket balls. There was a play area and many vendors.

Linda reported that Ross needs volunteers to help set up the picnic at the park starting at 7 am this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Paul, Chuck, Bob, Linda, and Randy all planned to be there. They will borrow 8 tables from the recreation center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley  
Secretary