

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) Minutes

April 24, 2024

Attendees:

VIP Active Members	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
Beall, Francey		X	
Cree, Betty		X	
Gonzales, Pete	X		
Griffin, Randy	X		
Hendryx, Serena		X	
Hineidi, Scharmagne		X	
Joersz, Jeremy		X	
Khoury, Terei	X		
Krepper, Suzanne		X	
Montigue, Tre	X		
Noyes, Bob		X	
Noyes, Monica		X	
Petersen, Michelle		X	
Rafter, Kathryn		X	
Shaw, Erin		X	
Spica, Andrea	X		
Stevenson, Laurie	X		
17 VIP Current Members			
VIP Leave of Absence/Medical Leave of Absent Members	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
WHA	Present		
Denton, Taylor			
Shelby Spak	X		

Dallas Police Department	Present		
Officer David Kim	X		
Officer Quoc Lee			
Officer Brookins	X		
Officer Leftwich			
City of Dallas	Present		
Mildred Carter – Code Compliance			
Yvette Campbell – Code Compliance			
Magali Arellano			

Meeting Minutes

The WHHA VIP April 2024 meeting convened at 6:34 pm at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center. Geoge Leporis, WHHA resident, attended our VIP meeting, and is considering joining as a VIP member.

Dallas Police Department:

Officer Kim and Officer Brookins provided updates:

- Crime data can be found at Dallaspolice.net:
 - <https://www.dallaspolice.net/resources/CrimeReports/NIBRS%20Weekly%20Beat%20Report.pdf>
- Statistics for WHHA continue a positive (NEGATIVE) trend for 2024:
 - ZERO violent crime
 - 1 Burglary-Business was a vacant house under renovation. Such structures are considered a 'business' until occupied.
 - BMV (Burglary Moter Vehicle) has increased slightly.
 - UNLOCKED vehicles present the best/easy targets for crimes-of-opportunity. Most BMVs occur between 12 midnight – 6 am.
 - We are advised to LOCK our vehicles (driveway, street, everywhere)
 - Theft & robberies at El Rancho have declined this year
 - Our area continues to run LOW on all crime.
 - Officers noted:
 - The presence of ENP in a neighborhood deters crime (criminals/homeless often scope areas for LACK of surveillance to act out property/personal violations)
 - Cameras are an excellent tool in crime-prevention/reporting. 1080p is the recommended resolution. Most cameras today meet this standard.
- **Questions:**
 - Q: What can be done about speeding (high-school-related) and young people lurking in the alleys in WHHA?
 - A:
 - Decoy cars are no longer available to our DPD officers to help reduce speeding.
 - WHHA residents can call NW Division for assistance with both issues.
 - Speeding reports will be forwarded to the Traffic Unit (but they generally deploy to the larger streets).
 - Tickets have been/are issued when experienced first-hand by officers
 - Speed-bumps have been investigated, but due to cost and lack of adequate community support, the proposal has died.
 - Q: What can be done about people ordering food-delivery to locations in the WHHA neighborhood (NOT ordered by WHHA residents)? (Residents decline the orders if the delivery service knocks at the residents' doors.)
 - A: This odd problem can't really be deterred. By declining delivery, this MAY alert the food/delivery service to decline accepting the orders in the first place.

- **Dallas Fire and Rescue:**

Dallas Fire & Rescue Fire Captain Serrano joined the meeting, proving an entertaining report on our local Station 35:

- An AMBULANCE may join Station 35 as early as August 2024
- Station 35 (and all firestations) are staffed by EMTs, and are versed in solving a wide variety of problems, not limited to fire & rescue!
 - All firefighters are trained in Active-Shooter situations
 - Help with fire/smoke alarms & detectors
 - Rescue cats-in-trees
 - Cooking oil recycling center on-site
 - Safe Place (baby-safe-place)
 - Car-seat installation
 - Etc.
- Captain Serrano is one of three captains, covering 3 shifts at the station.
 - Visit ANYTIME (but best hours are 8-5)
 - He'll do his best to attend (with a truck or engine) our community events
 - Did You Know...Firefighters must maintain their own station and themselves:
 - Clean facilities (inside and out)
 - Clean trucks & engines
 - Maintain lawn and grounds
 - Shop for and provide their own food
 - Prepare and cook their own meals
- **Questions:**
 - Q: Is it true that WHHA is on the same "electrical grid" as the Firestation? We seem to have had FAR FEWER electrical outages than in the past...
 - A: Just a rumor!! In fact, Station 35 (and all firestations) have their own generators. In a power-outage, we are welcome to come by to charge our phones, or seek other assistance.

- **City of Dallas:**

Code Compliance was not able to attend the April 2024 meeting.

- **VIP:**

- **Minutes:**
 - Minutes for the March 2024 meeting were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - T.Denton supplied an abbreviated Treasurer's Report.

- **Equipment Report:**
 - **Equipment IS BACK at Firestation #35 !!**
 - **Equipment has been REFRESHED:**
 - Smaller/lighter blinky-light
 - Compact binder and reduced contents
 - **NEW REPORTING METHOD: TEXT 214-415-8437 with the following information:**
 - **VIP Date**
 - **Start Time**
 - **End Time**
 - **VIP Method (V=Vehicle B=Bike W=Walk)**
 - **VIP Patrol Member Name(s)**
 - **Observations**
 - **Your information will be entered into an Excel sheet and submitted to DPD.**
 - **ADDITIONAL sets of equipment MAY be supplied to active VIP patrol teams.**
 - VIP patrols anticipated for May were recorded at the meeting and are noted on the common calendar (attached). If a date looks “clear” on the calendar, you may go to the Fire Station to request equipment.
- **Patrols:**
 - NOTE: Vehicle patrols are to include 2 people. Bike/Walking patrols may include a single person.
 - NOTE changes to our REPORTING METHOD above.
- **Membership Report:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Business:**
 - VIP Training:
 - Information was circulated to email addresses on the WHHA master list.
 - Sunday April 28, 2024 from 2-4 pm. North Central Division DPD 6969 McCallum Dallas 75252

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these VIP Meetings in 2024:

- Wednesday May 29, 2024 6:30 – 7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center
- Wednesday June 26, 2024 6:30 – 7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center
- Wednesday July 31, 2024 6:30 – 7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center
- Wednesday August 28, 2024 6:30 – 7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center
- Wednesday Sept 25, 2024 6:30 – 7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terei Khoury