

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) Minutes

August 28, 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	
LePoris, George	X		
Montigue, Tre		X	
Noyes, Bob			X (ill)
Noyes, Monica			X (ill)
Petersen, Michelle		X	
Rafter, Kathryn		X	
Shaw, Erin		X	
Spica, Andrea		X	
Stevenson, Laurie	X		
18 VIP Current Members			
VIP Leave of Absence/Medical Leave of Absent Members	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
WHA	Present		
Denton, Taylor	X		
Shelby Spak			

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

Meeting Minutes

The WHHA VIP August 2024 meeting convened at 6:30 pm at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center with 5 members attending.

NOTE: At the last minute Randy was not able to attend. Pete Gonzales ran the meeting without an agenda. An email had been sent out to the Walnut Hill Association members inviting them to attend the meeting. We had 6 people attend from WHHA.

Additionally Council member Gay Willis attended as well (she did not stay for the entire meeting).

Dallas Police Department:

Officer Kim and Officer Brookins provided updates as well as introducing themselves to the non- VIP attendees.

- Statistics for WHHA include:
 - ZERO violent crime
 - Overall non-violent crime is up by 6. Increase in thefts and UUMV (stolen car)
- Other items mentioned included most shoplifting is at the grocery store at Marsh and Walnut Hill. There have been incidents at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center and the YMCA where windows have been shattered to get to a visible bag.
- Also still stealing tools and other items from contractors.
- Bank Jugging is happening where people are followed after leaving a bank with large sums of money.
- Even with all this, we are in a safe neighborhood.
- **VIP TRAINING is happening again on September 29 from 2-6 pm. At this time Pete talked about how to become a VIP. He passed brochures and explained in detail what we do. Several people took the application with them.**

City of Dallas:

Code Compliance did not attend the meeting. No updates

The Meeting

Since there was no agenda, multiple items were discussed in no particular order. Some of the discussion came from the non-VIP-members.

No minutes from June were approved since our secretary wasn't there.

Taylor gave a brief Treasurer report. He also discussed that out of our 950 homes, 36% participate in paying for enhanced patrol (ENP).

- Our ENP officers patrol approximately 20 hours each week (4 5-hour shifts).
- ENP provided 251 "Vacation Checks" for 30 separate homes in 2023.

Laurie discussed the 311 app and how it is important to use the app and not call in.

Many people want to understand the short term rental policy. There was a concern about a house on Royal Springs which is a party house. What can we do? On Betty Jane there is a concern about a house renting their pool. What can we do?

There were solutions discussed on how to slow down the fast cars going down Hedgeway and other streets during school hours, 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

1. Have the VIP car with the blinking light on the street during this time
2. Pick a street and have everyone park their car on each side of the street which would narrow the street thus preventing a fast pace.

We talked about the amount of time is involved to patrol.

We had a discussion on what makes our neighborhood safe.

It was also discussed our association has no authority even though it is called a HOA. We only have a voice. The name was started many years ago.

Meeting was adjourned by Laurie and seconded by Mara, one of our visitors around 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Betty Cree on behalf of Terei Khoury (absent).