

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) Minutes

June 26, 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	
Noyes, Monica		X	
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			
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	X		
Yvette Campbell – Code Compliance			
Magali Arellano			

Meeting Minutes

The WHHA VIP May 2024 meeting was cancelled due to extreme weather impacts caused by the May 27-28 storm. Our VIP June meeting convened at 6:35 pm at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center with 4 members attending.

NOTE: The JULY 2024 VIP meeting will NOT be held.

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 NEGATIVE trend for 2024:
 - ZERO violent crime
 - Overall non-violent crime is in-line with 2023. Our area continues to run LOW on all crime.
- City-wide, theft and UUMVs are UP
- **VIP TRAINING:**
 - VIP Training will be held:
 - July 21, 2024
 - 2:00 – 6:00 pm (note...the training usually lasts only about 2 hours)
 - North Central Division DPD 6969 McCallum Blvd Dallas 75252
 - NEW applicants MUST complete an application. A copy is attached. Contact Pete Gonzales for further information.
 - Current VIP members are ENCOURAGED to attend this training as a refresher
 - Future training within our NW Division will be offered in the future

City of Dallas:

Code Compliance gave the following updates:

- **Bulk/Brush Trash pickup:** Due to the magnitude of the May 27-28 storm, the city has an enormous backlog of debris. Staffing-shortages are contributing to the delayed pickup of storm debris, brush & bulk trash.
 - Currently ONLY storm debris/brush/tree limbs are being picked up. The city is on “Week 2” of this targeted pickup. WHHA is “Week 3” ...so we MAY see some debris picked up sometime soon (no dates are promised!)
 - Following completion of the storm debris/brush/tree limb pickup (city-wide), “normal” brush/bulk trash pickups will resume. No dates are projected at this point.
 - Sanitation staff recruiting efforts are underway.
- **311 is the best way to report a wide variety of complaints.**
 - Code Compliance will bring key chains to our next meeting....the key chains have a tag with the **311 QR Code!** This takes reporting to 311 to a whole new level of ease ! Code Compliance will demonstrate at our next meeting.
 - Also... the 311 phone app is available for both Apple and Android phones. L.Stevenson will demo this app at our next meeting.

- All reporting can be anonymous.

VIP:

- **Minutes:**
 - Minutes for the April 2024 meeting are assumed approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - T.Denton supplied a brief Treasurer's Report.
- **Equipment Report:**
 - **Equipment IS BACK at Firestation #35 !!**
 - **Equipment has been REFRESHED:** Smaller/lighter blinky-light; compact binder and reduced contents.
 - Additional sets of VIP equipment may be supplied to active VIP patrol teams.
 - **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.
- **Patrols:** 1 June patrol
- **Membership Report:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Business:**
 - **4th of July Parade:**
 - 9:00 parade at Peter Pan Park – DPD & Dallas Fire & Rescue are expected !!!
 - 9:30 – 11:30 picnic celebration
 - Alley trash & recycling pickup is being reviewed by the Dallas City Council. A change to eliminate alley-pickup is being strongly recommended, and may be in place by 2025. This is expected to affect WHHA.

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these VIP Meetings in 2024:

- Wednesday July 31, 2024 CANCELLED
- 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 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terei Khoury