

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) Minutes

March 27, 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	X		

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

Meeting Minutes

The WHHA VIP March 2024 meeting convened at 6:30 pm at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center. Pete Gonzales introduced Randy Griffin as our acting VIP Chair until elections are held in May 2024. Pete also introduced:

- Dallas Police Department Officers Kiala Brookins and Howard Leftwich who are standing in for Officer David Kim while he is away
- Dallas City Code Compliance Officers Mildred Carter and Yvette Campbell
- WHHA President Shelby Spak

Dallas Police Department:

Officer Kiala Brookins and Officer Leftwich provided updates:

- Crime data can be found at Dallaspolice.net:
 - <https://www.dallaspolice.net/resources/CrimeReports/NIBRS%20Weekly%20Beat%20Report.pdf>
- Statistics for WHHA continued their great trend for 2023 and early 2024:
 - WHHA:
 - ZERO violent crime
 - Decreased non-violent crime in most categories.
 - Our area continues to run LOW on all crime. Officers noted that the presence of ENP in a neighborhood deters crime (criminals/homeless often scope areas for LACK of surveillance to act out property/personal violations)
- **Questions:**
 - Q: Can a crime report be built to show “comparison” data to other neighborhoods (anonymously)? WHHA leadership is often asked “how are WE compared to other neighborhoods?”
 - A: Yes, this can be accomplished. Officer Leftwich offered to pull something together.
 - Q: Will VIP Training be available sometime soon? Are there changes to the VIP Application Form?
 - A: This is a work-in-progress. We’ll be updated as soon as VIP Training dates/times/locations are available. Officer Leftwich will ensure we have the proper VIP Application Form. NOTE: WHHA VIP is considering asking all CURRENT VIP members to renew their credentials by taking the training.

City of Dallas:

Inspector Mildred Carter Robinson and Yvette Campbell provided information about their background with the City of Dallas, and fielded questions from attendees:

- District Manager for NW remains Odie Hayes
- WHHA remains “clean” from a Code Compliance standpoint.
- Code recommends filing “concerns” via the 311 online or phone app. This is an efficient and secure way to enter and track a complaint.

- The City Hall site provides a listing of the 900+ Code Compliance violations...but also lists a quick-list of the most frequent violations.
- **Questions:**
 - Q: Should the homeowners association get involved/intervene in a resident's complaint process?
 - A: The quick answer is NO. Residents with a complaint should register that concern directly with 311. This is an efficient and effective way to enter and track a concern. If the concern needs to be redirected to a different department, this will generally be documented in the 311 complaint. Call 311 Customer Service if help is needed.
 - Q: If a home appears to be abandoned, or there is a concern about a resident, how should the concern be directed?
 - A: Welfare checks on residents can be accomplished through 911 or the ENP contact. Abandoned property violations should be reported to 311.

VIP:

- **Minutes:**
 - Minutes for the November 2023 meeting were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - WHHA dues and ENP participation are pretty much "on target" for 2024 with 305 households (of 962) participating thus far. Posters at key intersections have helped raise awareness for this annual campaign.
 - NOTE: WHHA dues of \$20/household is split: \$15 HOA, \$5 CrimeWatch
- **Equipment Report:**
 - All equipment is in-order. Bob Noyes will locate the "second set" of equipment.
 - **Equipment has been RELOCATED back to Firestation #35 !!**
 - All 3 shifts are familiar with its location (to the left of the big TV, in the cabinet).
 - Ring the front-door bell to gain access.
 - VIP patrols anticipated for April 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.
 - We will investigate making the VIP Report Log electronic to simplify the process.
- **Membership Report:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **New Business:**
 - Once VIP Training dates/times/locations are confirmed, Ms. Spak suggested we send an email to all WHHA household PROMOTING VIP.

- A suggestion to create a “prize pool” for VIP patrols was discussed, and K.Rafter will put some thought into this proposal.
- Dallas Fire & Rescue Fire Captain Serrano has been invited to our next VIP meeting
- **VIP Meeting Date/Time/Place** going forward (based on a vote of the membership):
 - Last WEDNESDAY of the month
 - 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 - Walnut Hill Rec Center (better parking, accessibility)
- **Questions:**
 - Q: Would VIP presence deter speeding around TJ/Walnut Hill schools?
 - A: Not likely. The speeders have already determined that VIP can’t act on their speeding. We continue to ask for additional DPD presence.
 - Q: What is happening with the Street Light at Rosser & Royal?
 - A: It’s “in queue”. There are a limited number of companies qualified to install these sophisticated lights. The Rosser & Royal light is in queue for installation. No date is available.

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these VIP Meetings in 2024:

- Wednesday April 24, 2024 6:30 – 7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center
- 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 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terei Khoury