

## Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) Minutes

October 30, 2024

Attendees:

VIP Active Members	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
Barron, Bert	X		
Beall, Francey	X		
Cardillo, Tony	X		
Carporal, Christy	X		
Cree, Betty	X		
Gonzales, Pete	X		
Griffin, Randy	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	
Smith, Denise	X		
Spica, Andrea	X		
Stevenson, Laurie	X		
<b>21 VIP Current Members</b>			
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			
Officer Quoc Lee			
Officer Brookins			
Officer Leftwich			
City of Dallas	Present		
Mildred Carter Robinson – Code Compliance	X		
Yvette Campbell – Code Compliance			
Magali Arellano			

## Meeting Minutes

The WHHA VIP October 2024 meeting convened at 6:30 pm at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center with 14 members attending. Several neighbors, including 1 who is planning to take VIP Training, were also present.

### Dallas Police Department:

Officer Sims & Officer Taylor filled in for our NPOs this month. These officers cover the beat south of Love Field, and provided updates.

- Statistics for WHHA include:
  - 1 violent crime for the YTD period (burglary of a business)
  - Non-Violent crime, particularly package-theft, is on the up-swing.
    - Shoplifting, BMV, and other property-theft rank highest in our numbers. City-wide, car-theft/burglary and package-theft are very high.
    - **REPORT package theft!** The data for these crimes is tracked, and can assist DPD in solving/trapping thieves. “Every report counts.”
    - **Question: Are most vehicles recovered?**
      - Answer: Yes, most are recovered, often with only breaking/entry damage in evidence.
    - **Question: Should we continue to report gun-shots?**
      - Answer: YES! Data for these incidents is tracked, and can assist DPD in pinpointing crime-areas for enhanced monitoring and action.
  - FLOCK cameras have been deployed throughout Dallas, and help the CRT (Crime Response Team) immensely in tracking stolen vehicles. More FLOCK cameras will be deployed on major streets, so we likely can expect some on our exterior streets. (No specific date supplied)
- **VIP TRAINING:**
  - Training at the North Central Division has been cancelled through the end of the year.
  - Future training dates & locations will be provided as soon as we have that information. WHHA VIP is investigating having one of our members trained as a VIP-Trainer.
  - **NEW VIP Members!! Congratulations:**
    - Bert Barron
    - Christy Corporal
    - Tony Cardillo
    - Denise Smith
  - We’ll continue to recruit new VIP candidates

### City of Dallas Code Compliance:

Code Compliance took inquiries from multiple people and will respond via email to P.Gonzales, including:

- Large sign on fence (related to State Farm denial of damage) at intersection of Coppedge & Martha
- Corner visibility challenges:
  - Walnut Hill & Coppedge
  - Walnut Hill & Hedgeway
  - Midway & Killion
- Water plate covers missing in several places along Betty Jane, south of Constitution (east side) – Safety hazard for walkers

### VIP Meeting:

**Minutes:** September 2024 VIP Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** An additional \$5 was deposited for October.

**Equipment:** Remember....

- Revised equipment (less bulky) is streamlined and easier to install/use
- Teams who patrol often may secure their own VIP gear ; gear is also available at the firestation #35 on Walnut Hill Lane
- Reporting VIP patrols via TEXT is quicker and streamlined

**Patrols:**

- 3 patrols were performed in October, including 2 training-patrols.
- Please consider patrolling between 4:30-4:45 in a small corridor by TJ high school in an ATTEMPT to slow speeding vehicles driven by students leaving school:
  - Coppedge – Killion - Crestover
  - Even a short-patrol positioned in this area would be an enormous help to slow-down the abusive traffic and safety problems during this limited time period

**Membership:** Nothing to report

**New Business:**

- **Dash-cameras** – No input was received from our VIP members. Of note/concern:
  - More equipment to buy/maintain/train/transport
  - Reporting process?
- **Cameras** at residences are much more prevalent. This data can be supplied to authorities as part of the 'data stream' that DPD uses to track/pinpoint incidents for enhanced monitoring and action.

- **Requests:**

- Please wear your VIP badge while patrolling to demonstrate we're officially trained, and monitoring the neighborhood. Greet residents when possible.
- Please patrol CHURCH PARKING LOTS to help deter unauthorized (homeless/other) presence
- Consider taking along a FLASHLIGHT if patrolling at dawn/dusk/night. This is helpful when monitoring UNINHABITED locations.
- Homes under construction/renovation: we've been asked to provide a list of these residences so that the yearly WHHA Membership mailing (January) will SKIP these addresses (saves time/effort/money). L.Stevenson & T.Khoury will fill this request.
- WHHA VIP Bylaws, last updated 2017, will be reviewed by B.Cree & T.Khoury. Resulting updates will be reviewed/approved/distributed.

**Upcoming meetings, 6:30-7:30 Walnut Hill Rec Center:**

- November 20 (avoiding Thanksgiving week!!)
- NO December Meeting

Respectfully,  
Terei Khoury