

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) Minutes

August 28, 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	
Henry, 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	
Smith, Denise		X	
Spica, Andrea		X	
Stevenson, Laurie		X	
21 VIP Current Members			
VIP Leave of Absence/Medical Leave of Absent Members	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
WHA	Present		
Denton, Taylor	X		
Shelby Spak	X		

Dallas Police Department	Present		
Officer David Kim			
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 September 2024 meeting convened at 6:30 pm at the Walnut Hill Recreation Center with 7 members attending. Shelby Spak, WHHA President, also attended. Ali Farrah, representing Councilwoman Gay Willis, was unable to attend. Dallas Fire & Rescue Captain Serrano was also unable to attend.

Many thanks to the 7 additional WHHA neighbors who joined the meeting:

- John Wemberly
- Bert Barron & Christy Corporal (attended VIP Training 9/29/2024)
- Kerri (last name unavailable at this time)
- Chris White
- Laetitia & Anthony Sherman

Dallas Police Department:

Officer Brookins introduced herself to new attendees as our NPO (Neighborhood Patrol Officer), and provided updates.

- Statistics for WHHA include:
 - ZERO violent crime
 - Overall non-violent crime YTD is up by 7%. Increase in thefts and UUMV (stolen cars) is consistent with similar crimes in Dallas overall.
- We are reminded to TAKE LOCK HIDE anything in your cars, whether at home or on outings. “Crimes of Opportunity” (doors unlocked, visible items) invite a quick crime.
- Although Officer Brookins could not provide a “ranking” as to HOW safe we are in WHHA, our lack of violent crime, and reasonably low non-violent crime rates are key to stating that we are a SAFE neighborhood. VIP and ENP play a large role in this safety!
- Officer Brookins acts as our NPO (Neighborhood Patrol Officer), engaging with our WHHA community group (and lots of others), and participating in extensive community events. This differs from ENP (Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol) Officers who are engaged (and paid) by WHHA to patrol OUR community during their non-DPD hours.
- Community concerns may be addressed to Officer Brookins at her email address: kiala.brookins@dallascityhall.com
- **VIP TRAINING dates are as follows:**
 - **September 29 from 2-6 pm** (session normally lasts just over 3 hours)
 - **October 27 from 2-6 pm** (session normally lasts just over 3 hours)
 - Training sessions are held at the North Central Division facility: 6969 McCallum Blvd Dallas 75252

City of Dallas Code Compliance:

Code Compliance was unable to attend the meeting.

VIP Meeting:

Minutes: August VIP Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Taylor provided an update (we secured an additional \$5 for September!)

Equipment:

- Revised equipment (less bulky) is streamlined and easier to install/use
- Availability: 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:

- A slight up-tick in patrols happened for September, with 4 patrols performed by a variety of teams. THANKS!
- We highly recommend 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:

- **WELCOME NEW VIP members** effective 9/27/2024: Bert Barron, Christy Corporal, Tony Cardillo
- Several additional VIP candidates are interested/staged to take VIP Training at the October session.

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

- October 30
- November 20 (avoiding Thanksgiving week!!)
- NO December Meeting

Respectfully,
Terei Khoury