

Walnut Hill Homeowners' Association
Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, October 3, 2019

Present with the attending neighborhood people were the WHHA Board members, Phillip Potter, principal of Walnut Hill Elementary School, Councilwoman Jennifer Staubach Gates, Garrett Langley Flock Safety CEO, and ENP Lawrence Christian.

Bob Noyes introduced the Walnut Hill Elementary School principal, Phillip Potter, who welcomed everyone. Bob thanked the neighbors for attending the meeting and introduced the Board members and the guest speakers.

Marla Hartsell gave some overview stats of the neighborhood, the purpose of the WHHA and the involvement and accomplishments of the HOA Board.

Taylor Denton gave a treasurer's report and an overview of the WHHA budget. He also mentioned and showed a picture of the Walnut Hill street toppers that were installed last summer.

Councilwoman Jennifer Staubach Gates was introduced and announced that the city budget was passed. Other issues discussed:

- She explained that 60% of the budget went to public safety, targeting retainment of police officers. She said one-third of our police officers can retire soon.
- She said the city council recognizes that our infrastructure (streets and highways) are in poor condition. Public safety received funds, not infrastructure projects.
- Her office gave Thomas Jefferson High School some direction for their construction plans, but they have not always been followed. She encouraged neighbors to call the school principal if students are seen loitering in the neighborhood and call her if DISD officers are not adequately directing traffic. She will send the transportation people to observe traffic around the school.

- Atmos is required to leave your property the way they found it before doing their work. Call her office if this does not happen.
- Per a neighbor's request, she will see that the trees south of Walnut Hill Lane along Marsh Lane are checked.
- There have been no changes to the ENP schedule. The police department now requires knowledge of where officers work overtime.

Garrett Langley, CEO of Flock Safety, explained the company's mission to eliminate non-violent crimes by building technology to capture evidence and solve crime. They work closely with police departments. The data from the Flock cameras is kept for thirty days. Notification is made when the license plate of a car involved in a crime is captured by the camera. Neighbors can decide who has access to view the picture – approved neighbors or the police department. He presented an example of an Amber Alert, a stolen vehicle crime and an identity theft crime being solved by police with the help of the pictures from the Flock cameras.

There were questions from the audience about the actual function of the cameras, placement of the cameras on poles in the neighborhood, availability of the photos and to whom, privacy issues and cost. Photo slides of cameras mounted on poles in various neighborhoods, Flock photos of car license plates, and tech specs were shown.

A neighbor from the Merriman Park area of Dallas spoke and explained their use of the Flock cameras. They have 365 homes in their area. They had tried a private patrolling watch company but found it ineffective. They have eight entrances to their neighborhood with Flock cameras. However, they decided to have four neighbors view the pictures from the cameras, not the Dallas Police Department.

Taylor Denton presented a Flock Funding Proposal:

- Total Project Cost (25 cameras for two years) \$100,000
- Assume 43% participation rate (414 households)
- One-time cost of \$242/household

- Neighborhood vote

- GoFundMe Campaign

-If we can get 414 households to contribute \$186 each – raising \$77,000 then CW and HOA will contribute \$10k and \$13k respectively...and it's a GO!

Many questions and comments came from the audience and were answered accordingly. Neighbors were told they would be kept up to date on the issues presented as well as any new information that may incur.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Allen, Secretary