

Southwood Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting: 7:00 pm - June 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Russ Fischer welcoming all attendees.

Attendance:

Approximately 55 persons attended the Meeting, including members of the Steering Committee.

No Previous Meeting Minutes, but Russ summarized the last meeting of March 29, 2007

At that meeting it was determined to form the Neighborhood Association. There were approximately 75 persons who attended, approximately 50 households, which was about 20% of the 240 property owners. The meeting was attended by Vic Bell, Bixby City Coordinator of Neighborhood Associations. At that meeting a steering committee of 8 volunteers signed up to help organize a new association.

Russ introduced the Steering Committee members, Carol Judd, Jerry Rodgers, Dave Cook, John Kennington, Roger Roth, Pat Simpson, Shannon Moorehead, and himself.

Recognition was given to the volunteers who helped pass out the flyers for this meeting, Tom Daniels was acknowledged for helping with the signs. A thank-you was also given to the church for allowing the meeting to take place there.

No Reports Given at this Initial Meeting

New Business:

- I. Russ mentioned the items on the meeting agenda for the June 7th meeting:
 1. Introduction of Steering Committee Members
 2. Goals & Accomplishments to date
 3. Slate of Officers nominated by Steering Committee
 4. Election Of Officers
 5. Annual Dues
 6. Overview of By-laws
 7. Establish a voting membership role

Russ advertised the Web-site and encouraged all attendees to look at the sight and monitor it often to keep abreast of all the news. He mentioned the links to city of Bixby, flooding pictures taken by Dave Cook and other items that could be of help to the membership.

2. Election of Officers: Those willing to serve were introduced and each one had an opportunity to speak. The slate of candidates provided by the Steering Committee were: President – Carol Judd; Vice-president – Jerry Rodgers; Secretary – Russ Fischer; and Treasurer – Roger Roth

Wayne Choisnet asked what issues would be the early focus of the association. The issues mentioned were the Comprehensive Plan, Commercial Development on Memorial, Drainage issues, particularly at 90th E. Ave. Wayne stated that Developers to the north of 111th have had the ability to pay a fee in lieu of providing detention for their developments, and that SNA needs to press for the money to go for improvements in Southwood. The funds paid by developers were intended to

resolve the drainage issues down stream from the development. He mentioned that city government should protect the weak against the strong and that the property owners down stream are the weak and need protection from the developers.

Tom Daniels noted that the association should bring issues to the council members to be discussed at City Council meetings. Issues are put on the City Council agenda through council members. Tom offered to help us with that as needed. SNA has two City Council Districts – Joe Williams, Ward 1 includes Southwood Extended and Tom Daniels, Ward 2 includes Southwood.

During discussion, Robert Canada, asked about the membership fees proposed, what that money would go to, and what accounting would be provided for it. Russ provided the budget items that had been identified by the Steering Committee, and stated how the suggested By-Laws provided for an annual accounting of funds with a report to be given at each Annual Meeting.

After the above discussion Russ Fischer opened the floor for any additional nominees for all offices. No nominees were mentioned. The slate of Officers was voted into office by acclamation. All officer holders will serve one (1) year.

3. Membership Dues; In addition to the previous discussion, Jim McElroy spoke in favor of the \$25.00, noting that if a specific need came up, the fees could be adjusted. Russ agreed and noted that such an event could be the need for a lawyer or engineer for a zoning or storm water issue. Having heard no opposition to the proposed \$25.00 suggested dues, Russ asked for the general membership to approve it. The \$25.00 annual membership fee was voted in by acclamation.

4. Suggested By-Laws: Russ mentioned that they were posted on the website for the members to review. They would not be approved at this meeting as members would not have had much opportunity to review and comment on them, but will be by the Board of Directors. Members will be able to attend the Board of Directors Meetings and can comment on them there. Russ again noted the need for members to use the web site as a major source of information and news for SNA.

5. Volunteers: There was a call for volunteers to help in various ways and for committees in the future. David Cook spoke on the importance for people to be involved, and discussed his experience in helping on the Steering Committee. Dave also mentioned several committees that may be needed by SNA, such as a Welcoming Committee, Events, Newsletter, Neighborhood Watch & Safety, and Government Affairs. Russ noted that the Steering Committee had not listed any Standing Committees in the suggested By-Laws, leaving the decisions on committee formation to the Board of Directors. Carol Judd and Jerry Rogers also spoke about the need for volunteers and possible activities such as:

- Monitor/attend City Council and Planning Commission Meetings
- Storm water issues (4 water courses pass through the neighborhood)
- Zoning Issues
- Street projects – 112th & 116th traffic

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned - approximately 8:00 pm. Steering Committee members and Board of Directors stayed after meeting to talk with membership.