

Proctor Plaza Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2007

Meeting is Called to Order at 6:33 by Maverick Welsh

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call of Officers: Marcus Fleming, Treasurer; Willie Childers, Deed Restrictions; Maverick Welsh, President; Sheldon Buck, Crime Watch; Paul Broman, Member at Large; Mary Wassef, Historian

Reading and Adopting of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

- Interest Checking Account Balance: \$ 20,180.79
- Money Market Account Balance: \$ 15,081.08
- Total Funds Available: \$ 35,261.87
- Total Funds Dedicated for Lights Campaign: \$ 15,537.15

Committee Reports and Announcements

- The February PPNA Yard of the Month is 1035 Fugate Street. Congratulations to owner James Neff!
- Please join your neighbors on Friday, March 2nd, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the home of Katie Beedon. Katie's address is 1037 East 14th Street. Bring your own snack or libation and enjoy the company of your Proctor Plaza neighbors!
- Tired of Graffiti? Call the City of Houston's Graffiti Reporting Hotline at (713) 437-6833 or 311 and REPORT IT! The city can't clean it up if they don't know about it!
- Our March general meeting guest speaker will be County Commissioner El Franco Lee.
- Willie Childers, Deed Restrictions – we have 13 pending issues. There is a great deal of remodeling going on in the neighborhood.

Old Business

- Citizen Patrol and Crime Reports
- The First Friday Happy Hour at Carlton Smith's home on Friday, February 2nd was a great success and a lot of fun! Thanks for sharing your home with the neighborhood Carlton!
- City Council Member Adrian Garcia hosted the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Meeting for District H on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 PM at the Moody Park Community Center. We brought some forms so that we can submit requests for capital improvements in our area.
- Meeting follow-up from Rhonda Sauter, Council Member Adrian Garcia's Constituent Services Director.

New Business

- Mary Wassef, our current Vice-President of Membership has resigned her position in order to run for Historian. Paul Broman has been nominated for Member-At-Large Position 2. Both positions were voted on and accepted.
- Nominations for vacant positions and election for nominees to fill vacancies:
 - Vice-President Membership, VACANCY
- There are now 4 new website moderators to help with cutting down on the spam on the PPNA website forum. Please contact Maverick Welsh at MaverickWelsh@hotmail.com if you know a good webmaster that can modify our forum to prevent spam and make it member only.

Guest Speakers

- City Council Member Sue Lovell spoke concerning the city's initiatives concerning historic designations and preservation.
 - Those who get historic designations will get tax abatement which follows the sale of the building. If they tear it down, they will have to repay the forgiven taxes.
 - Now a neighborhood only has to have 51% historic homes to get designation.
 - The moment a request for designation is received there is a 180 day waiting period for new construction.
 - Demolition permits are 90 days now, will be 180 days.
 - Willie Childers brought up that we have not had luck getting assistance from the city's legal department when people have ignored the deed restrictions. Sue brought up a recent issue at Lancaster Place that the city did intervene on behalf of the residents. She indicated tha the person to call is Estelle Stuart 713-247-2013.
 - The city is looking at doing low interest rate loans for preservation projects.
 - Sue indicated that we need to get Realtors to know more about our historic district.
 - Willie Childers brought traffic control at Dunbar and Winston which are pass throughs between Main and Studewood. He asked about getting the streets designated one-way and Sue indicated that it is very difficult to do. Ray Chamg is the person at Public Works to talk to.

Closing/Adjournment – 7:30