

Proctor Plaza Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2007

Meeting was Called to Order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call of Officers: Officers in Attendance: Maverick Welsh, Kathy Cameron, Mary Wassef, Willie Childers, Marcus Fleming, Jorgen Jorgenson, Sister Eleanor Dickmann, Julia Schafer, Dennis Sigut

Reading and Adopting of the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

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| ▪ Interest Checking Account Balance: | \$ 20,554.26 |
| ▪ Money Market Account Balance: | \$ 15,105.12 |
| ▪ Total Funds Available: | \$ 35,659.38 |
| ▪ Total Funds Dedicated for Lights Campaign: | \$ 15,537.15 |

Committee Reports and Announcements

- PPNA General Meetings now have a \$25 Target gift certificate door prize for a neighbor still in attendance at the end of the meeting. Make sure to fill out your card for the drawing at the end of the meeting.
- The May PPNA Yard of the Month is 907 Melwood Street. Congratulations to owners Karyl and Daniel Eisenhauer!
- Please join your neighbors on Friday, June 1st, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the home of Ray and Viola Torgenson. Ray and Viola's address is 4010 Pineridge Street. Bring your own snack or libation and enjoy the company of your Proctor Plaza neighbors!
- **Opera in the Heights** will put the finishing touch on its 2006-06 season at the Bravissimo Dinner Concert and silent auction at downtown's Houston Club next week. Festivities begin June 1st at 6:30 pm with dinner under way at 7:15pm. Following dinner, Opera in the Heights artistic director William Weibel will present a program of operatic favorites, with special attention paid to the company's just-ended 11th season. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person. For more information, email info@operaintheheights.org, visit www.operaintheheights.org or call 713-861-5303.
- Keep Houston Beautiful, The Park People, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Exxon Mobil and the Shell Oil Company will present the second On the Trail of Trash at locations throughout Houston on Saturday. She; will work at White Oak/Stude Park in the Heights. According to a press release, the goal is to make lasting improvements on these trails, increasing their value to users and hopefully introducing these volunteers to new parks for their own enjoyment. For more information about On the Trail of Trash, visit the Web site at www.houstonbeautiful.org/news.htm or www.parkpeople.org
- **The West 19th Street Wine Stroll**, featuring the fare of local restaurants and the wares of merchants along the Heights' historic downtown is set for Thursday night from 6:30-9pm. Eighteen local businesses will be out in force along West 19th between Yale and North Shepherd. For more information, check out the Houston Heights Association's Web site at www.houstonheights.org or just stroll along West 19th Thursday night ready for a good time.

Old Business

- Citizen Patrol and Crime Reports
- The First Friday Happy Hour at Amy and Alan Lindsey's home Friday, May 4th was a great success and a lot of fun! Thanks for sharing your home with the neighborhood Amy and Alan!

New Business

- The PPNA forum software has been updated to prevent anonymous postings and spam. The forum seems to be much more civil now the anonymous messages have been forbidden.
- Board meeting dates have changes on the calendar. Make sure to be aware that any deed restriction projects will need to be presented to the board for approval in advance of any work done to the exterior of any home in the Norhill Historic District.
- How can we improve attendance at general meetings? What is the PPNA doing right? What is the PPNA doing wrong? Should we change the meeting time to 7pm?

- Suggestions included the use of local newspapers; better signs; a vigorous block campaign; utilizing a kiosk at Proctor Plaza park for the monthly newsletter to be dispensed; put the newsletter on the website (removing the ads)
- Further discussion was made regarding compilation of a CD disk depicting all homes in the neighborhood to be archived for use by deed restriction committee and COH Historical Society. Costs for the disk could be taken from the general budget and recouped through sale of the disk to members of the neighborhood for a nominal fee. Suggestion was made to obtain 2 or 3 estimates for costs of compiling the disk.

Guest Speakers

- Lynn Edmundson of Historic Houston gave a slideshow presentation on preservation methods, purpose of the organization and the moving process for designated properties.

8:10pm meeting adjourned