



Annual Meeting Minutes

Glen Meadow Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27th, 2018

7:00pm Call to Order: Susan Nurre

State of the Union

- National Night Out – Encourage participation - \$75 reimbursement
- Halloween in the Park
- It's My Park Day
- Adult Socials – Fall mingle and February Game Night
- Membership – Admit we did a poor job of the directory this year. 12/31 will be the cutoff. Online form to update information or verify membership.
- Flocking of 50 pink flamingos
- Yard of the month
- Community Sale at Gooch
- Gooch Monarch Garden
- Flag Day at the Park
- VIP – 25 members down from 81 when it was started in 1991
- ENP – now 1 year old
- Budget – events are budgeted, but volunteers are needed
- Offer School Support
- Production of the Voice

Jennifer Gates

- Budgets approved in September. Approved Police raise for 3yr contract. Dallas was \$50K starting salary vs other cities at \$60k. Now will start at \$60k + 3% raise.
- Taxes going up due to increased home values. 9.8% home value increase.
- Slightly over 3000 uniform police officers. Budget allows for additional 250. Recruitment of police officers is a national issue. Millennial's are not pursuing police careers.
- Crime rate is low, but not sure if it can be sustained. Jennifer encouraged everyone to know their neighbors.
- 311 app is down. Dallas to launch new app "Our Dallas".
- 2017 Bond program now on line to see current update and progress. 5yr program, but trying to work in advance before iron and steel prices increase.
- Atmos – improvement plan is on line and does include this neighborhood within the next two years. Atmos should post signs when they are working. Additionally, they should distribute door hangers 2-weeks in advance and 24hours in advance. Any issues everyone should contact Atmos directly.
- Panhandlers – panhandling initiative using social workers and counselors. Encourage everyone not to contribute to them. If they are not receiving money, they will move to a location where they will. Panhandling is protected by the courts under freedom of speech. Is a class C demeanor if they impede traffic, however it must be witnessed by the Police.
- Q&A for Jennifer:
 - Street Maintenance – a street must be 20 years before reconstruction. Every two years roads are rated A-F. Heavy traffic streets take priority. Ratings are on city website. Jennifer to provide Susan Nurre with a street map
 - Sanitation – high turnover. Tough to staff with unemployment being low. Shortage of trucks does not impact the alley trucks. GPS on all trucks so city knows if a truck did not go down an alley. Dial 311 if your pickup is missed

- 311 – concerns of calling and getting an automated message not in service area. Jennifer said to call her office if with issues of 311
- Coyote Issues – call 311. Will only pick up rabid or sick coyotes. Coyotes should live in harmony.
- Bulk Trash – changes are still being reviewed. Current issues: 1) some neighborhoods/home are making money off bulk trash by accepting money to dump in their yard. This takes the city much longer to pick up bulk. 2) currently both trash and yard waste – co-mingling. Possible option includes: Brush 1x per month and Bulk on Demand 4x
- Crime rate of district 13 vs city? Lower and even lower on the west side of midway. Jennifer to provide updated statistics.
- Homeless Shelters plans – 4 tracts a) increase more shelter beds b) cedars/farmers area is currently taking on a larger burden of homeless – try to spread the burden (not supported by Jennifer Gates) c) move from shelters to a new building – no plans at this time d) build more housing – no plans at this time.
- Plastic Bag ban – Original was a tax which was illegal. Not worth the lawsuit so the ban was lifted.
- House Flips without Permits – need to report. Enforcement does not actively go out and look for violations. Absolutely not plumbing or electrical without a permit. No way to anonymously report violations due to the open records. Can report as a neighborhood.

Gooch Update

Starting a girl scout group. Monarch Garden. Always need technology donations.

Promise Scholarship

DISD and DCCC (Dallas County Community College) has a partnership. Paid for by businesses (not taxes)

Q&A

- Was GNMA part of a large organization? Or considered joining forces with another larger organization.
 - Was not a part of any other organization.
- Money has accrued, can this be donated to the ENP?
 - Not based on the way the organization was set up. Can only donate to a charitable organization. Also, GMNA is a \$35 annual membership in comparison to \$300 for the ENP

Ballot Results

All nominations were approved. One additional write in

for Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Wolf/Secretary