

Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting
February 21, 2023 6:30-8:05PM
Location: Lily B Clayton Elementary – Library

Officers in attendance:

- President: Mark Philpot
- Vice President: Corey Bearden
- Vice President Elect - Graham Brizendine
- Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon
- Secretary: Val Ewing

Officers absent:

- Newsletter Editor Elisa Rode

Residents in attendance: 15

Guest speaker: Elizabeth Beck City Council Member District 9

6:43PM Call to order

Approval of minutes from November 2022 meeting: approved

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Mark Philpot - Corey Bearden is stepping down as Vice President. He has been a board member with MH for over 4 years as President then Vice President. His time spent in these roles was acknowledged with appreciation and a round of applause.

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon - income/ expenses were discussed: dues donations for 2022: \$11,756 compared with 2021 \$4,795. This year we had 120 families contribute which is more than years past and a positive sign of increasing involvement in our neighborhood. Annual dues drive for 2022 has begun. A flyer will come out in the March newsletter. There are many ways to pay: send a check, use a QR code, go to our MH website and select the dues link.

Newsletter: the paper copy will be discontinued by September with the newsletter going online exclusively. Savings to print exceeds \$2000 annually and the other aspect is distribution: we are unable to get it distributed in a timely manner and by the time some people get their paper copy, events listed have passed. The newsletter is being posted on the FB website and in the future, we anticipate posting newsletters on the MH website.

How to join the email list: www.mistletoeheights.org -> left side select email list -> complete the form and submit. Note: emails are not shared or distributed publicly. The email list is moderated.

OLD BUSINESS

Book update: Melanie Smith reports the process is about halfway complete.

TexRail opening date is 2026. Trinity Metro, Baylor Hospital, and Southside have been collaborating on ideas regarding the property and how it can be incorporated into the neighborhood, including traffic flow, sidewalks, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

7:25PM Guest speaker: Elizabeth Beck City Council Member District 9 arrived and spoke on various topics including Zoo traffic, street light outages, etc. She has advocated for our neighborhood to reduce traffic problems created by the Zoo during spring break. One solution is to use the Safari Shuttle and offer a discount on tickets for those who use the shuttle. This year there will be 7 additional police officers directing traffic and NO PARKING signs posted along Jerome and other designated streets. The no parking signs will be enforced, and local residents are encouraged to not park on streets where those signs are placed during Spring Break. Plan: the additional officers and no parking signs will be during peak days: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Mon/Tue/Friday will be as needed. Construction on University will be completed before Spring Break. Forest Park Pool demo starts 2/22/23 and construction will impact traffic as trucks are hauling out material.

Tax dollars are working for you: streetlights and street painting/ striping: previously they used paint that lasts 3 years with a budget to repaint every 8 years leaving a 5 year gap where street painting becomes nearly invisible over time. Change - now the budget to repaint will be every 3 years. 12 million dollars allocated to replace lights, there was a 12 mile stretch on Loop 820 with all lights out and so far 497 freeway lights have been replaced.

Sidewalk policy - new policy: the city will split the cost with homeowner. You can email Elizabeth Beck's office: district9@fortworthtexas.gov: provide your address and sidewalk concerns and they'll see what they can do. Don't forget to report problems to MyFortWorthApp – such as streetlight outages, potholes, etc. Elizabeth Beck's email: elizabeth.Beck@FortWorth.gov. However, it is best to email her office: district9@fortworthtexas.gov

7:50PM E. Beck left meeting

LBC annual donation was discussed and a motion to donate \$750 was made, approved with no opposition.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominating committee: Jeri Jo Blackmon, Kathy Dierker, Mary Ellen Peipert, Corey Bearden, and Val Ewing formed the committee and met with Graham Brizendine being selected to be the Vice President to take over as Corey Bearden steps down. Vote: Motion by Jeri Jo Blackmon to elect Graham Brizendine as Vice President. Motion seconded. No discussion, no opposition. Graham Brizendine was elected as VP effective immediately.

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Next MH neighborhood quarterly meeting: Tuesday May 16, 6:30 PM at LBC.
- Neighborhood garage sale - Saturday in April; date TBD.
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8 – TBD

8:05PM Meeting adjourned.