

Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting
1408 Mistletoe Drive, Jeri Jo Blackmon's residence
8/22/23 6:30-830 pm

Officers in attendance:

President: Mark Philpot

Vice President: Graham Brizendine

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon

Secretary: Val Ewing

Officers not present: Elisa Rhode

Call to order: meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM

Approval of Minutes: minutes from MHA Neighborhood Meeting held on 5/16/23 were approved.



OFFICERS REPORTS:

President: Mark Philpot

- Stepping down after November Elections
- Transitioning well: anticipate a smooth transition to the new leadership.
- Neighborhood involvement: Goal of Graham and Mark is be more proactive mobilizing neighbors to help with projects. Our neighborhood has longstanding traditions like events (see schedule below) and it takes involvement of many residents to keep these activities going.
- Historic Book spearheaded by Melanie Smith is progressing forward. A private entity has offered to publish. Amazon publishing is another option. Hope to have update by end of year.

Vice President: Graham Brizendine

- Was asked to chair the meeting. He began by introducing himself and spoke briefly about his connection to the neighborhood.

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- Distributed income expense sheet, donation sheet, so far \$4060 has been donated to the association this year.
- Going forward, the MH Newsletter will be electronic. If you want a copy be sure to add yourself to the email list.
- **How to join the email list:** www.mistletoeheights.org -> left side select email list -> complete the form and submit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Text Update system: an email was sent describing this concept. Purpose: a text system for alerts, safety related incidences, etc. Example: missing children, meeting announcements, when NPO needs information sent to the residents. This does not include weather related alerts provided by the city. It will be strictly voluntary, and anyone can opt in. The plan is to avoid overuse or text fatigue by limiting the content to urgent or necessary info. When someone

moves out of the neighborhood, they are opted out of the text alert system. It can be customized to personal preferences. Texts will be notification only, not a reply system. Cost: 5 cents per text message per recipient. Example: if 300 people sign up, it would cost about \$15.00 for one text. Open to discussion, Q&A among attendees.

- Motion to approve, seconded and approved. All in favor.
- TexRail Update: Trinity metro hired a firm to oversee construction. Construction will start next year. The other aspect of the TexRail concept is the Baylor transit-oriented development. Mike Brennan, of Near Southside, spoke on the proposed design in detail at our neighborhood meeting in May.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Fall Cleanup Day (alleys, West Berm, East Berm, Newby)
- Social hour for adults was suggested – a great idea but it will require people to make this happen.
- Block party - again, this will require people to help organize.
- MH directory – a form will be coming out for purposes of updating the directory. Look for link to access the directory in the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Movie Night - Oct (TBD): **need volunteers!** Mark has the screen. Still to do: decide the date, get projector, pick movie. This year it will be hosted at the Triangle.
- National Night Out – 10/3/23: The Fort Worth Police Department invites all residents to participate in the 40th annual “National Night Out” celebration. Residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with their neighbors, police officers, and other City personnel.
- Pumpkin judging - October 30th: Angie Arlington
- Bow Tying Party 11/19/23: Gary Willis’ house on Irwin. **Need people to help!**
- MH Neighborhood Meeting 11/14/23 venue TBD: annual Officer elections.
- Christmas Party 12/2/23 630-830PM: Jeri Jo Blackmon’s home 1408 Mistletoe Drive. It will be a potluck; everyone attending can bring a dish/dessert/drinks. There may be an appearance of Santa and Mrs. Clause.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48 PM