

WAMM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

- DATE: September 11, 2007
- TIME: 7:00 p.m.
- PLACE: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church
Martel Hall, 3511 Yoakum Blvd.
- ATTENDENCE: Approximately 36 residents and guests attended
- PRESIDING: Whitney Blair, Treasurer
- HOST: Nick Pantazis, Greek Festival Chair
- BUSINESS: Whitney Blair presented the treasurer's report. The present balance is \$2,868.64. \$175.00 is available for deposit for a total of \$3,043.64. Plans are in place to disperse monies to update the WAMM website and any suggestions for beautification projects will be taken into consideration. The establishment of the association as a 501c (4) non-profit has been progressing for several months and is almost complete.
- PRESENTATIONS: Nick Pantazis, Greek Festival Chair hosted a dinner meal and prize drawing for tickets to the festival which is planned for Oct 4-7th. He provided a slide presentation explaining the festival and its physical layout. He then introduced a representative of the city's special events division who provided information and fielded questions regarding parking for the festival. This year parking will be handled by the city of Houston Police Department. HPD will post no parking signs on the affected streets in advance of the festival. Off- site parking with a shuttle will be provided from Lamar High School. The St. Thomas University garage will be made available. E-mail and flyers will be used to notify affected residents in advance where street parking will be prohibited. Residents with problems during the festival are requested to call 311 to make a request for action. There will also be a festival security co-coordinator who will work in cooperation with HPD to handle problems. Calls may also be placed to the church at 713-526-5377. A summary of street closures and no-parking locations with the dates and hours will be forwarded to WAMM.

John Dascoulias provided information regarding progress being made to establish minimum lot size in the WAMM area. Establishing minimum lot size would limit new building of multiple family housing units which impact the nature and look of our community in particular trees and green space. This process must be carried out by the residents themselves block by block. Minimum lot size has been established for the 1300 block of Kipling at 5,595 sq. ft. and in the 1400 block of Marshall at 6,545 sq. ft. The process includes making an application with the city, having neighbors on a given block sign the request, submitting the request which is almost universally approved, the posting of signs to allow one month for any protests. Without protests the request is generally granted. Signatures representing at least 51% of the square footage of a block are required. Areas of particular concern include the 1400 block of Kipling, the 3600 block of Yupon and Yupon between Harold and Hawthorne. WAMM can be contacted for further information.

A request was made to Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and School that they provide information at the next WAMM meeting regarding new property acquisitions in the area the plans for their use at the next WAMM meeting.

ADDITIONAL

An announcement was made regarding association dues. For the future, dues will be collected every August to represent an annual membership.

Improvements in the website should be complete by next month and will include features similar to the websites of Mandel Place and NearTown.

Julian, vice president presented his resignation. He has moved from the WAMM community. He was thanked for his services and presented with a cake in recognition. Nominations will be accepted to fill his position and election will be held at the December meeting.

It was announced that the term of office of Ms. Ada Edwards nears completion and elections will be held soon. NearTown will be presenting a candidates forum.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

