

Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2006: beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ

Attending: John Cramer (presiding), Mary Ellen Phares (secretary), *see sign in sheet for other attendees*

General Reports/Updates

- **4th of July Kids and Pooch Parade = 9:00am, Moss Park, July 4th.** Talk to Susan Walker if you would like to participate or have ideas for this parade.
 - Anyone can be in the parade.
 - We welcome pets, families, veterans and anyone who is patriotic! So, put on your red, white and blue and join in the fun!
 - There will be watermelon, balloons, flags and we need your ideas.
 - We hope to make this an annual event.

- **National Night Out = Tuesday, August 1, 2006, Moss Park.**
 - Southwest Division Police Dept representatives will be there, as well as, the K-9 police unit, Fire Dept (with fire truck), food and drinks.

- **Wine Tour (2nd one for 2006) = Saturday, September 30, 2006, from 6:00 – 9:30pm.** Please talk to Nola Rae if you would like your house to be considered for the Wine Tour.

- Wine Tour event on Friday, April 28, 2006 raised \$975. We will try and do three (3) of them next year.

- If you have any other fundraising ideas, please talk to Kelly Garcia.

- John Cramer needs your nomination(s) for Yard of the Month for July.

- If you have NOT signed the 4-way stop sign petitions, please get with Nola Rae.

- Dwayne Jones of Preservation Dallas will not be speaking today; instead, he will speak at our September 26, 2006 meeting.

▪ **Crime Update**

- Kessler Plaza is in Sector 420, Beat 421, where police officers regularly patrol.
- Officer Wilkinson, who regularly patrols our neighborhood, attended the meeting.
- Dallas police officer, Senior Corporal Armando Dominguez, Jr. and two other police officers attended our meeting and asked us to be on the lookout and to call 911 if we see any suspicious activity.
- Note that City parks officially close at 10pm. It is always a good idea to drive by Moss Park (and throughout the neighborhood) especially at night when it is dark and then report suspicious activity.
- "Ride Along Program" by the Dallas Police Department allows civilians to ride along with police officers while they work.
- Note that police officers can no longer chase cars, unless they know it is an aggravated felony.

New Business

- **Speaker:** Rafael Arredondo, Director of Operations for the Guardian Angels. www.guardianangels.org
 - The Guardian Angels enable individuals and communities to take responsibility for and control of themselves and their environments.
 - The Guardian Angels were formed in 1979 in the Bronx, NY. They are now in 60 cities and 6 continents. (There are 24 chapters in Japan alone; very little crime in Japan.)
 - The Guardian Angels are all volunteers who care about their community in which they live.
 - 120 hours of training to be a Guardian Angel. Also, you must be over 18 (or 16-18 with a parental consent), and there is no age limit.
 - There are 12 Guardian Angels in Dallas and 3 more in training.
 - They do patrols in neighborhoods and also teach classes for teachers/faculty on anti-bullying and how to calm disruptive students.
 - They welcome more volunteers.
- The **upcoming meetings** are:
 - Tuesday, August 1, National Night Out
 - Tuesday, September 26
 - Tuesday, November 28

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

[NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 7:00pm. National Night Out at Moss Park](#)

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