

Minutes Duckpond Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Tuesday November 11, 2014

Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church

Minutes taken by Edith Kaan

Present: see sign-in sheet

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Melanie Barr

1. Introduction of members present (Melanie Barr)

2. Approval of minutes of the September 9 2014 general membership meeting

Bill Warinner moved the motion; Linda Boyles seconded; motion carried.

3. Treasurer's report

- Not much activity since October 2014 (October included deposit for carriage rides; 8 membership dues)
- Melanie mentioned that the 2014 Roper Park Yard Sale yielded \$113.50 (minus \$15 for ad in the Gainesville Sun).

4. Police report GPD Officer Jeff Bailey

- No more people sleeping at Roper Park, Thomas Center
- Not much crime, except 7 car break-ins (over 3 months); Keep vehicles locked
- Halloween: most people ever in the Neighborhood; lots of traffic; 3 officers present; concern about speeding cars (esp. on 8th Ave). One incident of a missing child. The following suggestions were made to improve the situation next year
 - GPD will have more officer present
 - Communicate among the neighbors in advance about how to reduce next year's crowds, e.g., by sending out announcements to stop giving out candy at 8 pm. Bill Warinner

mentioned that the Town of Tioga had put up signs that Trick-or-Treating would stop at 8pm.

- Ways were discussed to reduce speed limit around the neighborhood (especially on 8th Avenue) on Halloween. Police said they cannot enforce a lower speed limit.

5. Announcements

- December 6 Holiday events. Volunteers needed (contact Edith)
- February newsletter may look a bit different since there will be a new editor; we always need articles and distributors
- Free women's self-defense classes at Alter Ego Fitness Downtown, 1pm every first Saturday of the month
- Black swan update: two of the four baby swans were killed; Pearce Hayes retrieved the remaining two and is raising them in a safe environment
- This Sunday at the FUMC: Free concert Voices Rising community chorus 3 and 7pm
- November 22, 6 pm at the FUMC: Young Adult Thanksgiving party

6. Presentation on the Grace market place by Theresa Lowe

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Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.