

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**HIGH POINTE NEIGHBORHOOD- CITY OF CEDAR HILL PID #1 MINUTES**

HIGH POINTE CHURCH

101 HIGH POINTE LN, CEDAR HILL, TX. 75104

Thursday, October 12, 2023 6:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Delores Shaw, Ruby Martin, Kavin Brown, Erin McClendon, Mark Stodola, Shomega Austin, Belinda Turner

**Absent Board Members:** none

**City Staff Present:** Jeanette Cosme, Stacey Graves

**Others Present:** James Sulak, Gregory Glover, Sharon Walker, Leonard Howza, Ed Simon, Joel Flores, Francisco Torres, Garnetta Edwards, Princess Banks, Teresa Franklin, Cheryl Wesley, Howard Starling, Tracey Jefferson, Anna Green, Torsha Green, Gwen Hunter

- I. Call Meeting to Order  
President Shaw calls meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Introduction of Meeting Attendees  
Directors, residents, and city staff introduced themselves.
- III. Citizens Forum
  - Resident spoke about the community garden and the need for the lock due to residents stealing the produce. She mentioned having it unlocked would only work if it was a floral garden not a fruit and vegetable garden.
  - Resident spoke about being frustrated spending money on her garden plot to have it vandalized. She was concerned about being there after dark with having people coming in and out to grab produce that is not theirs.
  - Resident spoke about the concern for the speeding in the neighborhood. He is concerned about the same Chargers running through there at full speed. He also mentioned the fire station sirens being turned on once the truck leaves the station was too loud for a neighborhood. It would be nice for sirens to be turned on once they are out of the neighborhood but was not certain on how they must operate.

- Resident expressed concern about the beautification of Hight Pointe due to residents setting out their bulk after the pick-up week. Other residents see the stuff out and set theirs out thinking bulk week is coming up when in fact it has passed.
- Resident spoke about the 2 locations on High Pointe Ln that are missing the fence due to the wreck. She asked for a time frame to have the fences repaired.
- Resident inquired about the large commercial lot that now has the sold sign and was inquiring if the PID knew who purchased the property. Another resident looked up the information on DCAD and provided the name of the Wise Academy owner who purchased the property. Resident also expressed concern about brick pillars that were reconstructed and that the brick is not a perfect match to the others.
- Resident asked about the process to get the trash can lids replaced and Stacey provided them the instructions to put in that request.

IV. Business Items

A. Approve Minutes for the September 14, 2023, Meeting

Due to new Board members a special committee was formed to approve the minutes. Tia, Jeanette, Delores, and Ruby approved the minutes unanimously.

B. Received Board Treasurers Report

Ruby went through the report. Shomega asked for a breakdown of the report and Ruby mentioned the City Finance Department can provide that report.

C. Cedar Hill ISD Presentation

One of the School Board Trustees spoke about the VATRE on the upcoming November election. She explained that the funds will go for teacher, counselor and librarian raises along with full time armed officer on each campus. She explained that they will reevaluate starting pay as well and pay increases for their veteran teachers. She also explained how they have stripped this down to the bare bones of payroll and security from the original VATRE which included a lot more. The Trustee also provided the time and location of an upcoming meeting at 1846 Coffee for anyone who had questions about the VATRE.

D. Discuss Security Website Training Certificate

Mark & Erin both mentioned that the purpose of this would be to have a more secure site and encrypt the information for residents who register on the website. Mark makes the motion to purchase the certificate. Kevin seconds the motion, and it is approved.

**E. Discuss and Vote on Community Garden Lock**

Shomega mentioned that residents had spoken to her about the locked community garden. Delores explained the purpose of the lock and the process to get on the wait list to have a plot there. Delores explained that there were several occurrences in which there were altercations on location due to people stealing produce that was not theirs. Delores explained that each gardener pays for their own products and that the Fire Department pays for the water. They tried having signs instead of locks, but they still had problems with people taking produce. Delores explained that any resident can contact her so that they could set up a time to meet at the garden if they wanted to get a tour or more information on the garden. Ruby makes the motion to leave the lock on. Kevin seconds the motion, and it was approved by 6 other board members. Shomega opposed the motion.

**F. Discuss Mailbox Timeline**

Jeanette discussed that our City Attorney was working on the contract to be reviewed and signed by Brandon Industries for this project. If they sign the contract, then we would put the item on the November or December City Council so that the Council could vote on moving forward with this purchase. Jeanette mentioned that hopefully we can start this in January to make sure that we don't overwhelm the Post Office staff and affect any holiday mail.

**G. Election of Officers**

President: Erin motions to elect Delores for President, Kevin seconds the motion, and it is approved by all

Vice President: Ruby motions to elect Kevin for Vice President and motion passes.

Secretary- Both Shomega and Erin were nominated for Secretary, Directors voted, and Erin will be the new secretary.

Treasurer- Erin motions to nominate Ruby and all Directors vote in favor.

**H. Assing Committee**

LandWorks/Maintenance – Erin McClendon and Delores Shaw

Christmas Lights and Banners – Shomega Austin and Belinda Turner

Website/Communications – Mark Stodola

Signs- Kevin Brown

Cameras/Flock- Ruby Martin

V. Board Update

Delores mentions that there will be no meetings for November, December, and January. We will resume regular meetings in February 2024.

Erin mentioned the City Wide Clean up on November 4<sup>th</sup> if anyone wanted to volunteer.

Delores mentioned the need for HOA volunteers and for anyone interested to reach out to her.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm