

WAMM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: February 27, 2007

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Annunciation Orthodox School's Multipurpose Room 3600 Yoakum Blvd.

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Pugil, Lillian Wannell, Lin Perez, Ernie Perez, Dave Pevear, Bob Smouse,  
Danne Padgett, Mike Padgitt, Alex Overweg, Abrielle Oveweg, Mark Kelly,  
John Keller, Keith Caldwell (Walgreen manager and city council candidate),  
Bill Caldwell, David Regenbaum

PRESIDING: Jessica Pugil, President

Mark Kelly, Host

BUSINESS: 1) Those present were asked to introduce themselves to the group.

2) Ms. Pugil introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. David Regenbaum, founder and CEO of Association Management, Inc.

Mr. Regenbaum focused on the role of civic and communities associations. Their popularity is on the rise across the nation. The advantages of such groups include improved property values and efficient problem solving. WAMM is a civic association and as such is a voluntary organization which differs from homeowners associations. Issues WAMM could address include

deed restrictions, a position on the Richmond rail, signage, neighborhood watch, beautification, set-backs, roads, and lights. With regard to deed restrictions an ongoing committee with good financing is necessary to be successful. Building the strength and vitality of a civic association begins with good communication and small positive projects with good PR such as beautification.

GENERAL DISCUSSION INCLUDED:

1. Some past experiences of individuals on previous deed restrictions projects. A copy of present deed restrictions was distributed.
2. The need to improve finances. A mail out to request membership and dues is planned utilizing first class mail.
3. Beautification of the Lovett entrance. A plan may already exist with the NearTown Board. NearTown is an umbrella council of all community associations in the downtown area. WAMM has not made a financial contribution to NearTown.
4. Noise from Berry Hill restaurant on Sunday afternoons. According to Mr. Bob Smouse this is a problem for the Park IV and V condos.
5. Trash collection near the Kroger store.
6. Street improvements. Ms. Pugil explained the process for obtaining street improvements from the city. These include neighborhood reconstruction by petition of 75% of the residents of a street, a process that can take many years but addresses large issues, or by simple call to 311. We may also contact Capital Improvement Planning through our City Council Representative.
7. The WAMM internet site. Someone is being hired to upgrade the site.
8. A name change for WAMM. Whitney Blair has requested the association explore a name change to one more in line with other area associations. A committee was formed to explore this possibility to include Whitney Blair, Mark Kelly and Bob Smouse.
9. The next quarterly meeting will be held the second Tuesday in May. After some discussion the day of the week for meetings will remain on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Lin Perez

