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The following are minutes from the WAMM Civic Association meeting held June 10, 2013. The meeting opened at 6:35 P.M.

**Attendance:**

WAMM Officers Marcus Duffel, Lane Llewellyn, John Dascoulias and Kevin Begnaud and 29 Residents.

**Guests:**

Melonie Curry, Administrative Specialist with City of Houston Parking Management was our first guest. Melonie oversees the residential parking program and explained the process for obtaining residential parking permits. Applicants must have a designated block captain and have petitions signed by every resident of the block. Each residential address in the proposed permit area must be listed on the petition and its representative resident contacted to sign the petition regardless of support or non-support of the permit area. Property owners are not required to sign the petition. For duplexes or apartment buildings, a signature is needed from each unit.

75% of the block must have residential frontage. Adjacent blocks can combine their applications to help meet this qualification. Ms. Curry's department reviews the applications and will set up a parking survey to determine which times are most meaningful for a parking permit. In order to qualify for this program 60% or more of on-street parking spaces must be occupied during the time period proposed, and 25% or more of on-street parking spaces are used by non-resident vehicles.

The application requires a public hearing. Once Parking Management makes a decision to designate a parking permit area, it will become effective within 60 days. Permits are issued to residents who can also purchase 4 guest passes for \$25 per year. One-day guest passes are also available in a pack of 20. Details of the entire process were in the handouts that Melonie provided and by visiting this link:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/parking/permits-faq.htm>

Joseph Le, Community Aide for El Franco Lee County Commissioner's Office was our second guest. As a community liaison for Harris County Precinct One, Joseph brought handouts with information relating to Harris County services such as Social, Health, Educational, Vocational, Recreational and Government services that are available to Harris County residents. Their new office is located at 1413 Westheimer Rd. and is open for all residents. Joseph's direct number is 713-755-9300 and his email is [Joseph.le@cpl.hctx.net](mailto:Joseph.le@cpl.hctx.net).



## **General WAMM Business:**

CHAPTER 42 DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT UPDATE: Marcus provided an update to the new revised development ordinance that controls density development. The ordinance governs higher-density development but does not affect height restrictions. Neighborhoods protected by well-enforced, up-to-date deed restrictions that specify a minimum lot size will not be affected. To keep townhouses development out or to limit density; those neighborhoods without strong deed restrictions, or whose deed restrictions don't specify minimum lot size should petition for minimum lot-size protection right away. Neighborhoods need 51% of block approval for a petition. Blocks can now combine their petitions to meet requirements. Marcus explained the petition application process and provided a handout and the following link: [www.houstonplanning.com](http://www.houstonplanning.com).

TEXAS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT LOGISTICS: Lynn Voskuil and Jay Kastely at 3404 Yupon St. have agreed to host the TNNO event at their home. WAMM will provide refreshments and snacks while Lane is providing wine and champagne. Shawn Bermudez, owner of Pistoleros and Royal Oak is contributing as well.

## **Greek Festival:**

Helena Papadopoulou Johnson was in attendance representing the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. October 3, 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup> is this year's annual Festival. AGOC will be delivering flyers and sending emails to notify WAMM residents of street parking changes and parking enforcement options. Helena addressed her challenge in prior years of delivering flyers as many residences are inaccessible. In addition, she only has a limited number of email addresses for WAMM residents. There was discussion among meeting participants on how to more effectively notify residents about parking and the distribution of parking management phone numbers. Marcus will meet with Helena to determine a better distribution process.

## **Shawn Bermudez – Pistoleros Restaurant**

Shawn Bermudez made a brief introduction of himself and his new restaurant; Pistoleros located at 1517 Westheimer Rd. Shawn also discussed his newest concept, to be called Stones Throw at the old Liquid retail location; also on Westheimer Rd.

## **Membership Dues:**

Marcus encouraged all attendees to pay their annual WAMM membership dues if not already done.

## **September Meeting Agenda:**

Proposed nominations for all WAMM Officer positions are due at our next meeting on September 9, 2013. There are five (5) officer positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Terms are for two (2) years and an officer can only serve two (2-year) terms for a maximum of four (4) years in the same position. The slate of proposed candidates for each will be presented and voted on at the final meeting of the year in December.



### **Covenant House:**

Carolyn Garrard passed out a flyer for their end of year Karaoke & Cookout Party to be held June 12, 2013.

### **University of St. Thomas:**

CC Conner provided a brief update on the proposed Univ. of St. Thomas Performing Arts Center to be located on the block bounded by Graustark, W. Alabama, Yupon and Sul Ross. Fund raising has been completed and initial designs are in process.

### **3400 Montrose:**

A resident asked if anyone was aware of the status of the re-development of 3400 Montrose Ave. (at Hawthorne St). No one could confirm the status of any future development.

Marcus closed the meeting at 7:35 P.M.