

**Nottingham West Civic Club**  
**November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:32 with 23 households represented.
- 2) Agenda was adopted.
- 3) Prior meeting minutes approved as printed.
- 4) Constables Report: Quiet in Nottingham West!
  - a) If HPD responds to a call, constables will not get the information. Be sure to call constable first. Usually faster response time also.
  - b) Don't leave valuables, visible or hidden, in cars parked in driveway or on the street.
  - c) HPD has been issuing parking tickets in Yorkshire (parking on wrong side, in front of hydrant, etc..)
  - d) Be careful in parking lots. A few incidents reported at nearby lots.
- 5) Officer's Reports
  - a) President – Rosanna Hinde
    - NWCC received notice of a lawsuit from RDT (concrete service company for park renovations). No contract was signed and NWCC attorney is engaged. We can countersue.
    - Nottingham Maintenance Agreement is in place. NWCC has been underpaying by about 8%, about \$450. Dan Whitton and Lu Chambers have offered to represent NWCC at these meetings. The group is planning an irrigation project for the Kirkwood esplanade. Repairs to the existing system will be done. Cost is anticipated to be about \$5000 per neighborhood. City of Houston donates water.
    - NWCC has switched to a new management company, Crest Management. This will save us about \$400 a month. Many nearby associations use Crest Management also.
  - b) Vice President – John Benton
    - Two diseased trees in the park have been removed.
    - Park upgrade plans were resubmitted to the City on November 5. Hoping for permits to be issued soon. The 'storm' letter was received September 16 which gives NWCC permission to drain into the City storm sewer system.
    - There is a leak in the park but City hasn't been able to find it. Hiring a leak detection company to find the cause. The water is turned off, but the leak continues.
  - c) Secretary – Angie Lootens
    - Advise NWCC of any e-mail address changes to ensure you receive newsletters and other neighborhood information.
  - d) Treasurer – Pam Ziegenbein
    - RealManage contract ends December 31. Crest Management will take over December 15 and January assessment will be sent by Crest. FYI, Crest is a local company and this will be better than RM, which was based in Dallas.
    - January assessment is the last one that includes money for park upgrade.
    - Anyone interested in running for Treasurer should send e-mail to the NWCC e-mail.
- 6) Architectural Control Committee Report
  - a) Preston Mood was not in attendance. 9 or 10 homes are under construction.
- 7) Floor Motions

- a) How can we get other streets in the neighborhood rebuilt like Queensbury? This was the result of serious drainage issues. A few homeowners persevered with the City for more than two years to get the work scheduled and done.
  - b) Question raised about cars parked on the street with car covers. Is this allowed? Officers will review the deed restrictions to determine if there is any prohibition on car covers.
  - c) Resident raised concern about homeowners that have many garage sales. It causes congestion on the street. The City requires sales tax permit/collection for frequent garage sales.
  - d) What can homeowners do about rats in the neighborhood or neighbor back yards that are overgrown and foster rodents? Homeowners can contact the city via 3-1-1 to report nuisances.
  - e) NWCC should consider increasing the easement requirements for new homes. The City requires 5 feet. Consider increasing that to 10 feet. NWCC will be working on updates to the deed restrictions over the winter. Homeowners should send suggestions to NWCC email. Dan Whitton suggested getting builder input on deed restrictions. Builder input is valuable for ACC guidelines, but deed restrictions are independent of builders and govern the care and maintenance of the neighborhood – things like lawn care, driveway maintenance, restrictions on yard signs, landscaping, paint colors etc..
- 8) Proposed business for the January meeting.
- a) Homeowners may submit topics by contacting an officer or sending an email to [nottinghamwest@hotmail.com](mailto:nottinghamwest@hotmail.com).
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes approved by: Rosanna Hinde, John Benton, Angela Lootens, Pam Ziegenbein