



MANDELL PLACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dinah Martinez at 7:04 PM

Dinah gave an update on Lancaster Place's fight to maintain its deed restrictions. She spoke of communication from Sue Lovell's office about Lancaster Place situation.

Dinah spoke of a conversation she had with attorney Reid Wilson, who counseled her on what it would take for Mandell Place to modify and strengthen its deed restrictions.

Wilson charges \$400 an hour, but his associations will work for \$200 to \$250 per hour. A discussion followed.

Jade Tullai will visit Wilson's Web site to learn more about Mandell Place's deed restrictions options.

Dorothy Tyler suggested Mandell Place leadership visit with Winlow Place leadership on their successful efforts to redo and strengthen their deed restrictions.

John Martinez suggested joining forces with other neighboring civic associations to collectively strengthen deed restriction enforcement.

Sue Thompson motioned to direct Mandell Place leadership to invite Reid Wilson to consult association on protecting our deed restrictions for free or for a maximum fee of \$400.

Rod Danielson seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Dinah presented minutes from Jan. 11 meeting.

Jade motioned to accept minutes.

Sue seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously

Gail Seaman gave a security report. Because of the police shortage, HPD community services can provide only two services to neighborhoods.

One: Call Officer Tien at 713-308-3231; and she will mail out info on a Security Survey to start a process that can qualify homeowners for insurance reductions for up to three years.

Two: Citizen Patrol is now completely volunteer.

Bravo Key and Lock at 1756 Westheimer, www.bravokeyandlock.com was recommended for its security locks and devices to help homeowners secure their

homes. Rueben, the owner, would be willing to attend a meeting and demonstrate security devices.

Dinah reported that Mandell Place resident Joe Noffsinger's son is an Eagle Scout and is willing to do a community project in our neighborhood. His son has to perform 80 hours of volunteer work. One possible project is doing yard work for elderly residents. A suggestion was made to make the scout project tie to a full-neighborhood effort in Mandell Place. The neighborhood project could include cleaning gutters and sweeping debris.

Dorothy agreed to place dumpster in front of her home if needed.

Arleen Znosko motioned to create an Eagle Scout day.

David Brantley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dinah asked the group about scheduling the Board meetings on Thursdays for 2007.

Arlene motioned to make it such.

Joan Roden seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dinah talked about a half-way house believed to be at the northeast corner of Marshall and Mandell. Discussion ensued.

Kelly DeHay made a membership report. As of Feb. 2, Mandell Place Civic Association had a total membership of 33. Of this number, 29 were renewals and four were new members. Three raised the contribution, three lowered their contribution. Membership is ahead of schedule, but push is on.

Dinah asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Joan made the motion.

David seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.