



## Neighborhood Association

*"To promote a family-friendly atmosphere and encourage community involvement"*

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING for 2021

Meeting Date & Time: January 14, 2021; 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Virtual, by "Zoom"

President Terry Sibley called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He made some welcoming remarks and a few comments about how the meeting would be conducted. He announced that the meeting would be recorded, to help ensure that questions and comments would be accurately captured.

[Note: A copy of all PowerPoint slides presented during the meeting is provided as a separate attachment.]

Terry called on Donna Rouse, the Vice President for 2020, to announce the results of election of officers for 2021. The election had been held several days prior to the meeting, using an online ballot. Donna presented a slide on-screen that showed the following results.

President:	Terry Sibley
Vice President:	Jeremy Davis
Secretary:	Steve Moore
Treasurer:	Mike Watson

In presenting these results, Donna added that Terry and Mike have been re-elected to the offices that they held for 2020, and that Jeremy has served as Webmaster for the past year.

Terry expressed appreciation to Donna for the support that she gave him during his first year as president, and stated that she would continue to chair the Beautification Committee, which she has done for several years. Terry also said that Jeremy would continue to fulfill the role of Webmaster as well as Vice President. He also recognized Mike Watson; Sandra Wright, the Chair of the Welcoming Committee; and Kim Cerny, explaining her dual role as Chair of the Flag Program Committee and Crime Watch Coordinator. Terry also recognized Serena Johnson, Chair of the Social Committee, and he explained that Steve Moore, who was just elected Secretary, had recently been appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy in that office.

Terry recognized the two City Council Representatives who were attending – Mark Solomon, who would speak later, and Steve Mitchell. Terry also stated at this time that several candidates for council positions were in attendance, and these would be recognized later.

Terry concluded his remarks by showing two slides on-screen, showing a summary of activity and accomplishments for 2020.

Mike Watson then presented the Financial Report for 2020. A summary slide showed total income and expenses resulting in a net loss of \$1,138.62, leaving a balance of \$11,956.16. However, Mike pointed out that \$7,500 have already been committed for a special project in 2021. Two other slides provided details of income and expenses by categories.

The next speaker was Sandra Wright, who described how the Welcoming Committee successfully modified their process for delivering welcome gifts to new residents of the Yale Park neighborhood. This was necessitated by social distancing requirements. Sandra expressed appreciation for the three volunteers who assist her. In past years, she had only one assistance. The larger committee allowed them to deliver welcome gifts on a more frequent schedule, meeting the challenge of welcoming the large number of people who have moved into the neighborhood during 2020.

Donna Rouse next presented several slides to illustrate the work of the Beautification Committee. She first described the new program to recognize homes that have nice landscaping or show noticeable improvements. Awards had been given to 56 homes during 2020. She then described construction of a Butterfly Garden at Yale Park, which is being partially funded by matching funds from the city. Finally, Donna talked about the holiday decorations that her committee puts up along main thoroughfares in December each year.

Next, Kim Cerny presented a few slides to describe the Flag Program, Crime Watch Patrol, and 2020 National Night Out. Popularity of the Flag Program has grown to 100 sponsors. Kim announced that the flag display schedule is changing. This year, flags will be set out for Presidents Day, and not Flag Day. She reported that we now have 16 people on Crime Watch Patrol, including five new patrollers who completed training last year. The observance of National Night Out with several small groups scattered around the neighborhood, rather than a large gathering in Yale Park, proved to be very successful.

Jeremy Davis concluded the presentation by the Board of Directors with a live demonstration of the *YalePark.com* website. He pointed out some of the new features, such as banners and links to other pages, for example, the "Spotlight" page and the "JOIN" page. He also showed the new information added to the "About Us" page. He emphasized that the *yaleparkneighbors.com* website can now be accessed more conveniently as *yalepark.com*.

Terry asked whether there were any questions or comments about the material presented so far. There were none. Terry then introduced five visitors who are candidates for City Council.

Daniel Burdette  
Joe Corcoran  
Marilyn Frederick  
Jennifer Justice  
Arefin Shamsul

Terry then introduced Mark Solomon, our City Council representative, who narrated a slide presentation entitled "City of Richardson 2020 Year in Review & 2021 Outlook." Mark congratulated the leaders and volunteers in our Association for having the success that we demonstrated during a year of challenges. Since Mark's term of office expires this year, he spoke briefly about his history with the council. The presentation included updated information about the following items.

Continued Response to 2019 Tornado	Senior Center Renovation is Underway
COVID-19 Response	New North Side Water Tower Installed
North TX Water District Contract Resolution	Progress on Innovation Quarter Development
New Fire Station #1 / Operations Center Opens	Main Street Reconstruction
New Police Administration Building Opens	Planning for 2021 Bond Program
New Fire Station #3 (Lookout Dr.) Opens	



Upon the conclusion of Mark's presentation, Member Nita Ulaszek asked for help to get potholes in the alley fixed. She said that for many years, holes have been filled with asphalt that soon sinks down, so this is not an effective repair.

Mark expressed understanding, but said that the city has a long list of similar needs, and they try to work from a priority list. He promised to go by the Ulaszek's home to personally examine the situation.

Terry introduced Kevin Lyons, indicating that Kevin recently agreed to be chair of the Civic Committee, helping to keep the Association aware of community issues.

To conclude the meeting, Terry invited the five candidates for City Council to make a brief statement about themselves and their motivation for seeking election. Current council member Steve Mitchell, whose term will be expiring, also spoke as a candidate for a place on the Board of Trustees of Richardson ISD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM by President Terry Sibley.



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Terry Sibley, President

(transcribed from video recording)