



KINGS HIGHWAY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Saturday, June 12, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Paul Zubiato	Catherine Walker	Lynn Hall
	Dan Guenther	Laura Yoo	Jonathan Braddick
	Jim Jackson	Anmarie Winston	

Absent:	Mike Motta	Bill Miller	Ryan Hall
	Janie Otwell	Lybo Buchanan	Jenni Stolarski

The meeting was held at the home of Dan Guenther, 905 N. Montclair. Paul Zubiato called the meeting to order.

1. **T-Shirts.** Amanda Pounds, a local graphic designer, has agreed to do the artwork for the KHCD t-shirts discussed at the May board meeting. She anticipates having the artwork completed by July 16th.
2. **Cliff Manor/DHA Issue.** At the request of Councilmember David Neumann, Paul Zubiato will speak at the city council meeting on June 16th regarding the plan by the Dallas Housing Authority (DHA) and the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) to locate up to 100 chronically homeless people to DHA's Cliff Manor property on Fort Worth Ave. Neumann has asked Paul to speak at the meeting, along with other neighborhood leaders, as a show of support to the Stevens Park Village neighborhood, which abuts the DHA property.

Paul noted that his greatest concern with DHA's actions was that its officials did not discuss their plans with the community before moving forward to implementation. All present at the meeting agreed with Paul and indicated that they were not fundamentally opposed to homeless persons being located at Cliff Manor, as long as plans included the provision of support services for these residents. Further, everyone agreed that it must be made clear to DHA officials that, prior to implementing plans of this nature in North Oak Cliff, they must work with the affected neighborhoods.

A community meeting regarding the proposed DHA/MDHA plan will be held on Monday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Hipp Auditorium on the Methodist Hospital campus. Officials from both DHA and MDHA will be in attendance as will Councilmember Neumann and Mayor Leppert.

3. **Block Captains' Meeting.** Dan Guenther offered to coordinate a meeting of KHCD's block captains. In the absence of a Crime Watch Chair, Jonathan Braddick agreed to compile crime statistics for the area, so that the block captains would have current data to reference. Jonathan will contact either Val Haskell or Rob Leighton to obtain the Excel database that has already been created to track these statistics.
4. **OOCL.** KHCD has been awarded a \$750 matching grant from the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCL) to help pay for the landscape designer who will create a master plan for the North Polk Street Corridor project. This project was presented by Jonathan Braddick of the Turner-Winston block at the April General Meeting.

The OOCL Home Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th and Sunday, October 10th. In her role as a tour home liaison, Annemarie Winston will be seeking volunteers to work as porch sitters. Shifts will be available on both Saturday and Sunday, and all volunteers will receive a free tour ticket.

5. **Events.** As part of the Better Block project, and through the efforts of District 1 Councilmember Delia Jasso, the last block of Kings Hwy., between W. 7th Street and N. Tyler, will soon be permanently closed to vehicles. From this action, a small plaza will be created for a number of community uses. Paul proposed that this plaza be used as the location for the National Night Out event tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th. All present agreed that the new site would be an ideal location for the Night Out event.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the hosts for the next three First Fridays will now be as follows:

- September – Annemarie Winston
 - November – Turner/Winston Block (Jonathan Braddick)
 - December – Dan Guenther
6. **Car Share Co-op.** Jonathan Braddick presented a project he has undertaken to generate interest in the community in a car sharing co-op. With this proposed initiative, individuals would buy shares in a co-op to purchase one or more vehicles and to pay for other expenses, such as insurance and maintenance. Use of the vehicles would then be scheduled using a simple system for reservations. Meeting participants noted that interest might be increased in the initiative if pick-up trucks were included in the co-op plan since homeowners often need trucks on an occasional basis to haul construction materials, landscaping items, etc. Anyone interested in the co-op can be referred to Jonathan at jrbraddick@gmail.com.
 7. **The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.**