

**Westside Improvement Association  
Board Meeting  
February 24, 2010  
Red Branch Bank Library**

**Present:** Allen, William; Berning, Dot; Cleek, Linda; Farmer, Paul; Harty, Bill; Hudson, Aphrodite; Jeffers, Bill; Jeffers, Brenda; Nix, Ava; Outlaw, DeAnna; Padget, Fred; Robinson, Dave; Stagg, Carolyn

**Excused Absence:** Gerteisen, Wayne; Kolb, Bonnie; Moers, Joyce; Outlaw, Philip; Rockwood, Dave; Runge, Mel

President DeAnna Outlaw called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the January board meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Jeffers and a second by Brenda Jeffers; passed without opposition.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred Padget presented the report for January. He also distributed a listing of all members, plus those who receive complimentary copies of the newsletter. That list includes primarily office holders, APC members, etc.

**New Business:**

- We received a thank-you letter from Burdette Park for the scholarships we contributed.
- We received \$800 from CSX as part of their employee volunteer compensation program for work performed by Philip Outlaw and Chris Reddington. Dot Berning moved that we designate the contribution to the Shirley James memorial. Ava Nix seconded and the motion passed without opposition.
- Outlaw met with Ann Ennis about the problem with water for the Adopt-a-Spot. Altstadt Plumbing has volunteered to donate labor and materials to put water in. The City wants to charge a \$700 tap-in fee and charge for water. There's at least one other Adopt-a-Spot that has city-provided water, Outlaw intends to attend the Parks Board meeting this Friday to get more information. Ennis will seek a donor if we have to pay the \$700 tap-in fee. Berning has some ideas about expanding the work at the spot, including putting in trees. She will work with the committee.
- Paul Farmer moved that we move the left over \$76.34 from the Litter Patrol Grant to the Adopt-a-Spot fund, Cleek seconded, the motion passed without opposition.
- Padget attended the Soil and Water Conservation District annual banquet on February 23. Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Gardens and Browning Funeral Home received environmental awards. The Eagle Slough reclamation project also received an award.

WIA needs to appoint a new representative to the SWCD. They meet first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at their office on north 41.

- Our newsletter requires an “ancillary endorsement” requesting return service for changed addresses. This will add slightly to the expense, but will keep the USPS happy.

### **Old Business:**

- Shirley James Memorial – Cleek contacted John McNaughton about creating a sculpture that could be placed at Burdette Park. Outlaw suggested the committee set a meeting with Steve Craig and McNaughton to discuss the possibilities. (Farmer, Outlaw, Padget, Cleek)
- The Shirley James Plaza on the Greenway will be dedicated on Saturday, April 17, time TBA.
- Brenda Jeffers reported the March general meeting will be Thursday, March 18 at Burdette, Shelter # 18 (same as picnic). Snacks will be served starting at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:45. Scholarship awards will be presented, and Craig Parks will present a program about roundabouts. There will be a flyer and another notice in the newsletter.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Web site – nothing new to report.
- Historian – Aphrodite Hudson has the files and materials. Padget reminded the group that the award winners from 2009 need to be added to the files. Brenda Jeffers has some of the original documents, as does Padget.
- Solid Waste – Paul Farmer reported the last west side recycle day was so successful they had to close it early. Those dropping off tires will be charged \$1/tire, but neighborhood associations will still be able to bring them in free.
- UNOE – Padget reported he attended the annual UNOE retreat. The Red Cross will offer a life-saving course for members of UNOE organizations on Saturday, April 10. Flyers were distributed. Chris Cook is the new UNOE president.
- Membership – Berning reported several board members haven’t yet paid their 2010 dues. Checkbooks were pulled out all over the room.
- Transportation – Bill Harty brought up the idea of a roundabout for the Five Points intersection with the MPO. He is hopeful they will take action at this time.
- Parks – no report.

- The banquet will be at USI this November.
- Scholarship Committee – Stagg reported she will pick up the scholarship applications will be picked up on March 3. The other members of the committee are Mel Runge and Linda Singer.
- West Sector Police Report – no report.
- Land Use –
  - Padget reported there have been complaints about mud on the road near the Ramsey development. It seems to be under control now, thanks to the County Engineer and Mike Wathen.
  - There is a problem with a dump site northwest of the intersection of Tekoppel and Dixie Flyer Road. Runoff from the site discharges into various ditches and then Bayou Creek.
  - Area Plan forwarded a proposal for city and county zoning code changes having to do with landscape islands in parking facilities to the County Commission and City Council. The Smart Growth group worked for two years developing the proposal.
  - One of the next issues Padget wants to tackle is the lack of regulation of residential development of agricultural land. As it stands, the APC is required to approve the subdivision if it meets minimal standards, and no elected official ever has to vote on it.
  - A small subdivision on St. Joe Road near Neu Road is proposed for the next APC meeting.
  - Bill Jeffers explained that agricultural land annexed by the city automatically becomes R1. In the county, however, the requirements are very weak.
  - Harty reported there's more mud on Hogue Road between Red Bank and Boehne Camp Road. It appears a lot of fill is being trucked in.

Brenda Jeffers reported she and Bill attended the first city-county consolidation commission meeting. Six subcommittees are being organized: Government Structure, Finances, Government Services, Health, Safety & Welfare, Planning & Land Use, and Infrastructure. Call the County Commission at 435-5241 to volunteer. Padget reminded the group the report of the Fisher study is still posted on the WIA web site. Dave Robinson reported the recommendation must be complete by the end of the year, but the referendum could be in a future year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. in room 301 of the City-County Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cleek, Secretary

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 18, 2010, 6 p.m., Burdette Park Shelter # 18**