

Dixieland Neighborhood Association (DNA) Meeting: Tuesday, November 17th

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. The attendees introduced themselves to the group. The Google group was announced, the website address was given and it was also indicated that it is available on the flyer that was mailed out prior to the meeting. It was announced that we will have the DNA reports available online.

Rick Perez, Chair of the Improvements Committee, spoke about traffic calming, pedestrian ways, and the possibility of having a speaker from the City of Lakeland at a future meeting. Lynn Schindler briefly discussed the process of getting sidewalks approved.

The meeting in December was discussed, and it was decided to have a holiday themed meeting with refreshments.

The downed Dixieland marker sign on Sikes was discussed. Mic Gunderson has the sign at his house currently. The need to setup a date to meet and paint/refurbish that sign and to pull the other Dixieland marker sign was discussed.

Gow Fields, candidate for Mayor of Lakeland, was introduced and spoke briefly, followed by a brief talk by Phillip Walker, candidate for the NW Commissioner District.

The topic of a crime watch group was discussed, and it was determined that such a group has already been established in our neighborhood. Details for this group will be posted on the DNA group site in the future.

Mary spoke about the possible closing of the USPS Dixieland Post Office. She said that survey forms regarding the closing were available at the Dixieland Post Office. Apparently the forms are only going to be delivered to the PO boxes, but not to the homes in the area. It is unknown whether the decision to close the Dixieland office had already been made by the USPS.

Lynn Schindler gave a presentation about the 2010 Census. The Census will be the 10-question per person short form, and will be mailed to the homes in April 2010. She discussed the importance of the Census in determining how many US State Representatives we have, and that it determines how much Federal funding we receive for schools, health care and transportation. She announced that volunteers were needed for the Census kick-off events and took questions.

The meeting wrapped up at 7:25 pm.