

Clark Pines Civic Association General Meeting

6 pm, Saturday, July 24, 2021

Home of Barbara Carroll

1816 W 14th St

Meeting

- 1) Call to Order by Dave at 18:05 – 22 participants.
- 2) Agenda was adopted.
- 3) Welcome Special Guests
 - a. Kate Dentlar, Houston City Council, The Office of C.M. Kamin was welcomed to the meeting.
 - b. CPCA is her assigned civic group.
 - c. The New 311 App is now available for download.
 - d. Kate asked for any drainage/flooding issues noticed to be reported to 311 and to C.M. Kamin's office.
- 4) Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2021 General Meeting
 - a. Jimmy Phillips made a motion to approve, Rodney Merwin seconded, motion passed.
- 5) Treasurer's Report - Scott presented
 - a. Membership is at a higher level than in recent years and many memberships dues have been paid.
 - b. Revenue has been raised for The Arts Fund to support our concert program.
- 6) Announcement of 2022 Board Elections – Dave presented

- a. The election will be held at the October General Meeting.
- b. The nominations will be sent out in advance.

7) Crime & Safety – Dave presented

- a. It was highlighted there have been some car break-ins on 14th1/2 street.
- b. Dave reminded everyone to take care when out for groceries. He was only 5 minutes home when he was alerted on the Citizen app there was a robbery in the area he had been.
- c. Vicki reminded us all to lock our cars at gas stations. She cited an incident where her purse and phone were stolen in seconds. This is a common method of theft called “a Slider”.

8) Dian St Villas – Update – Dave presented

- a. Location and number of speed bumps has been agreed upon. They were recognized as a great addition to help with traffic flow. Dave Charvoz was thanked for having helping achieve this. They will not be installed for several months after the main construction is completed.
- b. It will be the end of 2022 before the apartments will be rented.
- c. It was suggested that some stop signs at key areas would be good. Kevin Strickland informed us this is extremely hard to achieve and has been pursued to no avail in the past.
- d. Kate Dentler informed us it was the first time she has heard of a developer agreeing to install speed bumps to help with traffic flow.

9) Clark Pines Performing Arts – Fall Plan Vicki presented

- a. Vicki explained that what started mainly because of Covid has become a popular neighborhood event that is growing in attendance.
- b. Monarch Chamber Orchestra, White Oak Bayou and Opera on tap have all been a great success.
- c. The groups play for tips and some take a nominal fee.
- d. If you know of a group who might be interested in performing please drop Vicki an email and she will reach out.
- e. The next concert will be Sax Worx on September 18th.

- f. Barbara Carroll generously offered her yard as an alternative venue for some future concerts. This will be considered but current location at corner of 14th/14th 1/2 /Dian will be used for now.

10) Subdivision Sign – Update – Dave Presented

- a. A picture of the design was presented. The construction company is currently seeking necessary permits.
- b. Rodney Merwin made us aware that a Civic Association should not have to pay for this permit yearly as businesses do.
- c. Barbara Carroll asked if consideration have been given to a second sign on the corner of Beal and 14th. It was agreed this would be a good addition and will be looked at in the future.
- d. Clark Pines will contribute \$1000 to cost of sign, which will be \$2500+. CPCA will be responsible for landscaping and maintance at sign's location.

11) Minimum Lot Size Application for 14th St – Dave presented

- a. 1800 and 1900 blocks do not currently have a minimum lot restriction.
- b. Application is now in process to protect the current lot sizes.
- c. Kate Dentler informed us the current lot sizes couldn't be changed while the application is in process. This is understood to include the current lot for sale on 14th, which is estimated to be around 8000 sq ft. A question was raised on this lot and Kate advised she would double check.
- d. Once in place a minimum lot size is good for approximately 20 years but they do expire.

12) Appreciations

- a. Vicki Merwin was thanked for the amazing job she has done in organizing The Concerts.
- b. The list of supporters of the CPA Arts fund was read out and all were thanked greatly.
- c. Kate was thanked for attending and her valuable contributions.
- d. Dave Charvoz was thanked for all the great work he is doing on several projects.

13) Any Other Business.

- a. Land that was used as a “cut through” (14th and Wynwood) has been bought by the neighboring owner from the City.
- b. The area between 14th and Timbergrove is owned by Centerpoint and has been fenced of by them.
- c. Cleaning Up Turkey Creek was mentioned as an opportunity - Timbergrove had done some of this and interest in cleaning up as it passes through Clark Pines. Further review as the creek ‘land’ ownership and rights of access etc. This needs to be confirmed.

14) Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.