Windsor Park Neighborhood Meeting

September 13th 2014

Meeting comes to order:

Martin calling meeting to order

Short version of monthly meeting

-Recognize new neighborhood members:

-Supporters of the newsletter recognized and announcements

Need someone to deliver on Coventry between Rogge and Manor

Sara Lee: Yard of the month – King Coffey wins yard of the month. He lives on Northridge.

-Rebecca what’s in the bank? Money situation is fine – Collecting $50g to build shades over playscapes in Bartholomew Park. Haven’t signed a contract yet – negotiation about the color – Jeanette will help with that when she gets back in a few weeks. Austin Parks Foundation is matching this month until September 30, so money will go twice as far. $15 donation or more gets you a t-shirt.

Habitat challenge is happening again this year – registration for yards is on table – Reagan college fund $15 or more gets a cap. Rebecca will not be running for treasurer next year – advertises the position open for next year. Takes 5 hours a month depending on how busy things are. Interested parties can talk to Rebecca about what it’s like.

Officer elections in November – anyone interested in leadership positions should endeavor to get involved in the positions. Martin will be stepping down per term limits. Safety committee is open for positions – Austin Neighborhood Council Delegate is up for grabs as well.

Dr. Ted Gordon presented. He is running for AISD District 1 school board trustee.

He is from University Hills. He was convinced to run for the school board by neighbors and friends. Dist. 1 is from 7th street up to Pflugerville.

He believes the AISD board should be:

1. Keeping District accountable and carrying out its programs
2. Should set long-term policy for the district: not negligent but fallen down on the job. Lost contact with the trends in the schools.

If elected he will address the achievement gap – and the notion that Dist. 1 schools are inferior needs to be addressed. We need quality teachers, master teachers to work with existing teachers to incentivize retention.

Also, parents and children need more access to supplementary education outside the classroom

National Night Out is coming up in October – check the APD website. Mark Hernandez no longer our safety chair – so…we’ve lost that resource. Know your 5 (three neighbors in front of you and the two on the side) What are their cars, who are the occupants?

School Committee Report:

Harris Elementary: Music teacher starting a veteran state program – wants to spread the word to neighborhood veterans Nov. 10th Saturday 9am and 1:30pm.

Candidate Forum:

Andrew Bucknall - Ballot Position (9) – 15 Min.

Michael Cargill – Ballot Position (7) - 15 Min.

George Hindman – Ballot Position (1) -15 Min.

Ora Houston – Ballot Position (8) – 15 Min.

DeWayne Lofton – Ballot Position (4) – 15 Min.

Valerie Menard – Ballot Position (5) – 15 Min.

Sam Osemene – Ballot Position (2) – 15 Min.

Martin wraps it up

Rick closing notes: Voting info in the WPNA newsletter

Nov. 16th runoff date he predicts that this will go to a runoff.

Martin closes the meeting