

MINUTES

Crescent Homeowners Association Meeting

March 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by **Ryan Myers**, President, at the Church of the Nazarene. There were approximately 42 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report – Lana Corneau

The previous meetings' minutes had been delivered to all Crescent homeowners and were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Loop, Treasurer, reported on the financial condition of the Homeowner's Association. As of the meeting date, we had received all but 3 of the 2006 dues payments. Our current bank balances total \$77,149.08. An explanation of the line items on the report was given and the Treasurer's report was approved as read. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is included with this package.

Old Business

Security in the neighborhood was again the main topic of discussion. One of our Crescent homeowners, Woody Wood, had called several companies for quotes on cameras to be installed at the neighborhood entrances. The cost to cover just one entrance, which would require a server for wireless transmission, cameras, wiring, etc., would be \$5,200.00. Woody had done extensive research on the Internet and found that we can get our own IPO address and set up a network of our neighborhood. After a lengthy question and answer period, it was determined that this form of security is too expensive and too complicated to undertake as a neighborhood. Woody also mentioned that individuals can buy and install personal cameras on our own residences, at the front and back doors, to increase our own security.

There was more discussion on break-ins in the neighborhood. It was reported that the window has not been replaced at the home of the owner who was robbed in February, but apparently the window had to be special ordered.

The talk returned to the possibility of requiring all Crescent homeowners to install stickers on their cars as a means of identifying cars that belong in the neighborhood. This would help our security company, Knight Watchman, to verify if a car belongs in the neighborhood. Ryan Myers had researched the cost of the stickers and found some for just \$1.00 each. To implement this plan, we will need contact information for all neighbors, including names, addresses, phone and e-mail addresses if available. Tom Alexander suggested getting even more detailed information, including car tag number, vehicle identification, make and model. The discussion was tabled when our two speakers for the evening arrived.

Carla Gregory, a representative of the Tulsa Crime Commission and Alert Neighbors program, arrived to provide us with more information on how to secure our neighborhood. She advised us that we can get demographics on our own neighborhood, and crime in our area, by going to www.tulsapolice.org. Having had her own experience with car theft and home break-ins, she gave us some guidelines to use in protecting ourselves.

1. Do not leave anything of value in the car (either in your own driveway or in a public parking lot. It takes just minutes to break into a car. Never leave a garage door opener in a car parked outside your home.
2. Put I.D. #'s on all of your electronic possessions (TV's, computers, stereo equipment, etc.) That will enable the police to return merchandise to you if it is recovered.
3. Lighting is very important. Consider leaving lights on overnight; call PSO if you notice street lights out. Park in well lighted areas of public parking areas.
4. Install motion detectors at your home – they are very good deterrents.
5. Make it look, or sound, like you have a large dog. Record the sound of a dog barking, and hook it up to play when your motion detector is tripped or when someone rings your doorbell. Keep a large leash at the front door; post Beware of Dog signs; have a large pet feeding bowl!
6. Install Jimmy bars on your doors to keep the doors from being opened from the outside. They are available at hardware stores or at the Tulsa Police Supply store.
7. Be aware of suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Be observant – look people in the eye and be able to give a description of any suspicious people or vehicles.
8. Vary your routine if you can so that someone who might be watching your house will not have an easy time knowing when you will be away from the house.
9. Install Alert Neighbor Signs in the neighborhood – these are available for \$20.00 each and can be ordered from Debbie Miller at 585-5209.
10. Consider taking the Citizens Alert Training Course.
11. Always let anyone knocking on your door know that you are home, even if you don't open the door.
12. Remember the three "A's" – be Active, Alert, Aware!
13. Do not hesitate to call the Police – you may have to exaggerate the severity of the situation to get a prompt response (but this is not recommended). 911 calls are prioritized, with precedent given to certain types of crime.
14. Be aware of solicitors in the neighborhood – sometimes they are making an initial look see and will return to rob you if they see anything of value that interests them.
15. Have anyone who walks regularly help out with the security.
16. There are just seventeen policemen on duty per shift in each section of the City to handle all of the different types of crime and accidents, plus one sergeant and 2-3 detectives, who often spend large amounts of time just being report takers, so we must be pro-active about our own security.

There were four volunteers to be Block Captains for the Alert Neighbor program: Marilyn Allen, Mike Wilson, Adam Leavitt and Jane Hinz.

New Business

Ryan introduced Georgia Ann Muenzler of the Tulsa Urban Development Commission. Ms. Muenzler is a landscape architect who will try to help us secure amenities for our neighborhood Crescent Park. Some of the items that might be installed are a splash pad (costing \$100,000), playground equipment (\$8-10,000), picnic tables and benches, trees, walking trails, hard surface (for more standing room at our activities). We need to apply for capital improvement money provided by Vision 2025. Tracy Myers will work on applying for grant money from the Community Development division of the Federal government as well as from Vision 2025. We must apply at a meeting to be held on April 11, 2006, in the Hartford Building between 1st and 2nd, Greenwood and Hartford.

A question was raised about what is being planned on 81st Street. We have noticed flag markers along 81st and hope that plans are in the works to widen the street.

After our two speakers were finished, discussion returned to the subject of identification stickers for the cars. Judy Marquis made a motion that all cars in the neighborhood have identifying stickers installed on either the outside rear window or the rear bumper. The motion also called for the HOA to pay for the first two stickers for each homeowner, with any additional stickers being available at the expense of the homeowner (estimated to be around \$1.00 each). The motion was approved and we will now begin the process of gathering information on all homeowners and their vehicles, creating a database and ordering the stickers. The Board will investigate how to proceed with this project.

It was announced that the Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on April 29, 2006. Jill Kurtz and Angela Bax are coordinating this annual event and we will run ads in the Tulsa World about the garage sale.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.