

MINUTES

Crescent Homeowners Association Meeting

June 7, 2007

Website: crescenthoa.com

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Ryan Myers**, President, at the Church of the Nazarene. There were 8 homeowners plus the three officers in attendance.

Guest Speaker – Bill Mott, Senior V.P. of Omni-Watch Systems

Mr. Mott spoke to us about video security system installations for neighborhoods, which is an economical solution to reducing vandalism in neighborhoods. Using the Omni-Watch Systems, cameras are installed in strategic locations throughout a neighborhood, which capture live video of illicit activity. This video surveillance helps to identify the perpetrators. The information can be used by law enforcement to prosecute the offenders.

In October, 2005, Bill Mott lived in a Dallas neighborhood where they experienced an increase of criminal activity when many of the Hurricane Katrina victims moved into lower income housing in their area. Crime was escalating and the neighbors wanted some action taken to reduce the occurrence of crime. After researching various options, Mr. Mott and his homeowner's association contacted Omni-Watch Systems, which provides the installation of infrared cameras to capture the illegal activity in the neighborhood and signage to warn any perpetrators that they are being recorded "in the act"! The residents monitor their own file footage, which is stored for a couple of weeks on the system before it is recorded over with new footage.

The cameras work as color cameras during the day and as black and white cameras at night, changing over automatically. The cameras operate on a low voltage system (12V), so it is not a big draw on electricity. An Internet connection is also required at each camera location to provide the closed circuit monitoring access. Crime in the area was reduced by 90% within fifteen months after the camera installation. Bill was so impressed with the technology, he bought into the company and now serves as its Senior Vice President.

Mr. Mott proposed that our Crescent neighborhood install eighteen cameras at our entrances and other strategic locations; this would include the installation and signage, at a cost of \$43,960.00. This can be paid in cash or can be financed or leased, depending on our preference. There is also a monthly fee connected with the system.

A discussion was held on the merits of this crime fighting system. It was decided to have another special HOA meeting to discuss the matter further, hoping that more of our homeowner's will attend. The attendees felt the system could provide added security to our neighborhood, but more input was requested due to the large expenditure of Association funds. It was also suggested that further investigation into the company would be prudent since the company and technology is young. So far, sixteen neighborhoods in the Dallas, TX, area have installed this system.

To watch a video on this system, log onto: www.omni-watch.com

Secretary's Report – Lana Corneau

The previous meetings' minutes had been delivered to all Crescent homeowners and were approved as printed. Additional copies were available for anyone who had not received a copy.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Arnold

Mary Arnold reported that there are now just two outstanding dues at this time. These two delinquent homeowners have been turned over to our attorney for collection. The penalty for late payments of HOA dues is 100% of the amount of the dues, or \$130.00, making the total payment due \$260.00.

Old Business

Security was discussed at length. Special reminder: Be sure to close your garage doors if you are not right there, working in your yard or garage. There have been several incidents of items being stolen out of garages where the doors have been left open.

New Business

One of our homeowners, Mike Mathney, has offered to print a new Homeowner's Directory at his expense. A sample directory was provided, which includes some advertising of Mr. Mathney's business. The Board will discuss this offer at a future meeting.

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