

# **MINUTES**

## **Crescent Homeowners Association Meeting**

**September 20, 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 approximately 50 homeowners plus two officers in attendance.

### **Old Business**

Copies of the Treasurer's report and minutes of our last homeowner's meeting were available. There are still two properties that have not paid dues for 2007 and liens have been placed on those properties by our attorney. The 2006 Audit has been completed and is available to review by contacting the Treasurer, Mary Arnold.

Ryan announced that the Identification stickers have been distributed to all Crescent homeowners. Additional stickers are available from Ryan.

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

Mr. Mott spoke to us again about video security system installations for neighborhoods, which is an economical solution to reducing vandalism in neighborhoods. He played two video clips that illustrated how the system works and how successful the system has been in neighborhoods where it has been installed. Please see a more detailed description below, taken from our HOA meeting of June 6, 2007.

The question was raised if we are aware of the number of instances of theft, burglaries, assaults, etc. that have occurred in our neighborhood in recent months. Ryan provided a map of incidents in a four square mile area surrounding The Crescent in the past twelve months.

After a lengthy discussion of the merits of this system, Jonathan Schultz moved to accept the proposal for the installation of the cameras; Gary Elliott seconded the motion. The vote was 40 in favor and two opposed, so the motion carried. Financing for the installation will be determined by the HOA Board of Directors, with the probability of a small business loan secured by our certificates of deposit. We have adequate funds in our treasury to cover the cost of the installation. It may be necessary at a future date to charge a one-time assessment for other capital improvements, if and when they are required (i.e. perimeter fencing, etc.).

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

Please see below for information provided about the security system from our HOA meeting in June, 2007:

Using the Omni-Watch Systems, fixed, mounted 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](http://www.omni-watch.com)