

## **Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting**

Date: August 20, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM

Location: WineHaus – 1628 Park Place Avenue

### **Officers Present:**

President: Graham Brizendine

Vice President: Brian Hunt

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon

Newsletter: Elisa Rode

Secretary: Val Ewing

Attendees: 18

Guest speaker: Ana Alvarez, Planner City of FW Development services

### **Officer Reports**

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon distributed a sheet documenting Income & Expenses. Income: dues donations \$4439, Mugs \$620, Advertising: \$1300. Expenses: Easter egg hunt \$760, July 4 celebration: \$1514, LBC \$1025, welcome baskets: \$564. Net income: \$743. Although dues are not required, they are appreciated and help fund our neighborhood events. The dues drive began in May 2024 and runs through October. You can use a QR code to send in your dues through our PayPal account (see below). Or you can mail or drop off a check to Mistletoe Heights Association to 1408 Mistletoe Drive.

Newsletter: Elisa Rode. The newsletter is available via email and Facebook, and you can find us at Mistletoe Heights Neighbors Chat Room. The next newsletter will come out on September 1, 2024. If you want a paper copy, they can be requested. We always welcome new content so reach out to Elisa to contribute: [elisa@kearley.com](mailto:elisa@kearley.com)

Content ideas: awards, animal saves, recipes, etc. We need a Yard of the Month person to help, so contact any of the officers to learn how to participate! The frequency of the newsletter is every other month. Suggestion for content: recognize new people in the neighborhood.

### **Old Business**

July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was a great success. Thanks to Tuyen Kamo for organizing the event.

West Rosedale cleanup is partially complete.

CTP underpass is cleaned up thanks to TXDOT

If you see an area that needs attention, i.e., cleaned up, repaired, potholes, streetlights out then you can report using the MyFW app on your phone.

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/communications/customer-care/myfw>

Historic Book: Melanie Smith, primary author, provided an update. She recognized the following: Jim Peipert for his writing and photo contribution in the early stages, and Annette Gunter for editing the past 18 months. A new printing company in Korea will be used. Book details: coffee-table book, hardbound, approx 8.5" x 11" in size and 1 1/4" thick, nearly 600 pages and 800 photos. The color of the photos will be in sepia, which achieves a contrast that improves the look of the vintage images. It will be a 4-color press, which will be more expensive than initially planned. We have pre-sold 189 books and anticipate an additional 200 books to be sold.

Motion: move to recall the previous vote from the May 2024 meeting – “the neighborhood will expend additional funds not to exceed \$9000 to complete printing.” Motion approved and seconded, no opposition. Motion passed.

What followed was a discussion on financing the book: current amount to publish 800 copies = \$16609, 700 copies = \$14979, 500 copies = \$12139. The publisher’s prices are valid for 30 days from today, with half due upfront. Proposal: commitment to print 500 copies. If by September 30, 2024, there is enough interest in the book that exceeds 500, we will increase the print request to 700 copies. Book sale price \$50. Contribution history: Tarrant County Historical Society = \$1000, \$6000 from MHA (2020 meeting), pre-sale: \$2268, donations: \$6829.

Motion: 500 books with a \$12,159 additional cost as long as the file is to be printed by October 31. The presale decision deadline is September 30 if there is a commitment for an additional 200 books. The presale quantity to increase the print quantity to 700 is 200 copies. Approved, no opposition.

### **New Business**

Guest speaker: Ana Alvarez, Planner City of FW Development services. Ms. Alvarez discussed the Historic preservation and historic overlay. It covers design guidelines, additions, windows, etc:

<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/preservation-urban-design/historic-preservation>

FW City Council gives final approval. Work done on historic homes can provide tax breaks for a 10-year span. Examples of what qualifies are electrical, plumbing, and foundation. The most common violations are windows and additions. Certificate of appropriateness information is found online. Code officer: call when you see something that doesn’t look like it is appropriate for our historic area. <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/development-services/preservation-urban-design/historic-preservation>

Forest Park/ Park Place Intersection - update is nearly complete.

Forest Park Blvd - restriping will be budgeted for 2026.

Coffee mug fundraiser sales - \$10 each.

### **Future Meeting / Event Dates:**

National Night Out: Chris and Tuyen Kamo provided an update on an event happening in our neighborhood: Where & when: Newby Park October 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM. They registered our neighborhood for this event. Anticipate the following: first responders present, Fire Truck from Station 8, NPO, and a rep from Elizabeth Beck’s office. Plus a food truck so we hope to see you there! MHA NPO: Juan Villagomez - Phone: 682-319-7613, and a rep

Next quarterly MHA meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2024 6:30 PM at WineHaus.

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm

### **How to reach a MH Officer:**

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