

PATRICK HENRY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MAY 16, 2006

The first meeting of the Patrick Henry Neighborhood Association (PHNA) was held in the Edison Middle School cafeteria on Tuesday, May 16. Over 50 neighbors were in attendance.

Steve Summers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the Association. The following offices were filled:

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| President | Jerry Martin |
| Vice President | Steve and Laura Summers |
| Secretary | Sherry Tyler |
| Treasurer | Teresa Baker |

Committees will be formed as needed and chairpersons of those committees will be determined at that time.

The central idea and purpose of a neighborhood association is to protect and improve property values. Participation of neighbors is KEY to having a successful neighborhood association.

Jerry Martin explained the importance of incorporating the Association and read excerpts from Bylaws used by another neighborhood association. He will draft Bylaws for the PHNA and will forward those to Tom Herring. Tom will email the proposed Bylaws to everyone who has supplied an email address. Copies can be made for those people who do not have access to email. Neighbors will be able to vote on whether to accept the Bylaws as written. A meeting to facilitate the vote might be necessary; however, voting will be allowed online for those who have internet access.

Jerry also gave a couple of examples of what neighborhood associations cannot do. They cannot settle neighbor disputes or step into situations that should be handled through legal channels.

A short discussion was held as to how often the PHNA should meet formally. It was decided that the Bylaws would reflect meetings will be held a minimum of twice each year. Additional meetings can be scheduled as needed.

Tom and Bev Herring will provide a link to the PHNA news on their website, www.tomandbev.com. It will be available within 48 hours of tonight's meeting.

The subject of signage for the neighborhood was discussed. Obtaining signs designating Block Captains was a suggestion. These signs would be placed in the front yards of those neighbors who have agreed to be Block Captains for their assigned areas. Alert Neighbors signs to be affixed on street signs will most likely be purchased with funds collected.

Jean Budd, 46th & Pittsburgh, told the attendees about the recent burglary of her home. She advised everyone to take pictures of their valuables and that this would work much better than making lists. A short discussion followed.

Suggestions were made about future speakers for meetings. An insurance agent could talk to the association about how to best document valuables. We would also like to have our City Councilor and Representative talk to us in the future. John Bernardine will be contacting ODOT about having someone talk to the association about the plans for I-44 & Yale area.

A bowl was furnished to collect donations. A total of \$179.75 was collected. Teresa Baker, newly-elected treasurer, will meet with Jerry Martin and Steve and Laura Summers about setting up an account, possibly with a neighborhood bank.

Jerry Martin made a few concluding remarks. As president, he will expect meetings to begin on time and will make the effort to end them on time, as well.

Steve and Laura Summers thanked everyone again for coming and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Tyler, Secretary