

PATRICK HENRY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**August 5, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Freeman Harris Funeral Home
3335 East 41st Street 74135**

Neighborhood Association President, Steve Summers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He introduced the PHNA officers:

Toni Graber, Vice President
Sherry Tyler, Secretary
Teresa Baker, Treasurer
Jerry Martin, Member at Large
Tom Herring, Member at Large
Greg Baker, Member at Large
Brad Nickson, Member at Large
John Lieber, Member at Large

Steve also introduced Tom and Bev Herring who generously donate not only their time sending out neighborhood alerts via email, but also space on their website for posting of our minutes and announcements.

Steve introduced Representative GT Bynum who was in attendance to listen to what the neighborhood had to say about the main topics of concern.

The Treasurer gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$335.91 in our account. We have no immediate plans for our funds but will continue to receive donations and keep the funds in account until such time as they are needed.

At the May 2008 meeting we had a representative from the City of Tulsa come speak to us about speed humps for the neighborhood. At tonight's meeting we agreed to table that subject until a later date.

The first order of business was further discussion about the widening of I-44 and how it is affecting our neighborhood. The houses along the south side of 49th Place have now been removed along with a wall that ran along the back side of those yards. The noise from the highway is very loud and will continue to increase in volume as the construction gets underway. There is an urgent need for a sound wall, and Steve encouraged all the neighbors to call ODOT to express their desire for the construction of this wall. Many neighbors from 49th Place and streets closely surrounding it made comments about how they are already adversely affected by the noise.

An example of what we would like to have for our neighborhood can be seen along Skelly Drive on the south side of the neighborhood just east of Yale. Those neighbors lobbied for and got the wall and walking trail they requested.

We will invite a representative from ODOT to speak to us and answer questions at our next meeting.

The next order of business was to discuss the development plans for the southeast corner of 41st Street and Harvard Avenue. Toni Graber and Penny Tipton presented the plans and described for us the present and future zoning requirements. There was discussion about how the development will potentially affect the neighborhood both positively and negatively. Neighbors expressed their desires for what they would like to see go in at that corner and their apprehension about what might go in.

Penny Tipton read a list of requests that were gathered from other neighborhoods and noted additional suggestions from the PHNA. These will be presented to the owner of the property. Toni Graber explained the four different types of zoning.

A zoning meeting is scheduled for August 20, at 1:30 p.m., at the Tulsa Metropolitan Planning Commission (TMAPC) office, 201 West 5th. Steve and Penny encouraged everyone to attend and voice their opinions. We may be able to ask for and be granted a continuance.

Penny Tipton will meet again with some of the other neighborhood association presidents and the owner of the property. Further information about the proposed project can be found on the TMAPC website, <http://www.tmapc.org> or you can contact Steve Summers or Toni Graber.

The next topic brought up was code enforcement. GT Bynum offered his assistance for getting through to Code Enforcement if anyone has a problem. His number is 596-1990; email: dist9@tulsacouncil.org.

A discussion was held about the limbs and brush that remain in front yards. The City of Tulsa is picking up the items. Apparently they are running behind on this project. Steve Summers suggested the neighbors get together and go through the neighborhood picking up the brush ourselves and taking it to the dumpsite. Interest was expressed; however, no decision was reached on this proposal.

Short discussions were held about speed humps and leash laws. There was a plea from one neighbor for everyone to please keep their dogs in the house, fenced yard, or on a leash.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sherry W. Tyler, Secretary
Patrick Henry Neighborhood Association*