MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION (NAC)

City of Carrollton

Thursday, February 12, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1W2 Carrollton City Hall 1945 E Jackson Road

The Neighborhood Advisory Commission of the City of Carrollton convened on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioner Melvin Chadwick, Commissioner Laura Philips, Chair Alan Overholt, Vice Chair, Horace Blake, Commissioner Debi Whitley, Commissioner Sanjay Pillai and Commissioner George Barnes. City staff present: Mr. Brian Passwaters, Division Manager, Community Services, Environmental Services, Ms. Maleka Jiwani, Sr. Community Development Program Specialist and Mrs. Alina Ciocan, Community Development Program Specialist. Commissioner Jan Stephens, Commissioner Mike Ghouse and Mr. Scott Hudson, Director, Environmental Services were absent.

I. Call to Order.

Chair Overholt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. <u>Introductions</u>. – Item to introduce those present.

Chair Overholt stated there were not introductions.

III. Review the Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Meeting. - Item to review and adopt the minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

Chair Overholt asked for a motion on the minutes of the January 8, 2009 regular meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Chadwick made a motion to adopt the January 8, 2009 minutes.

Commissioner Philips seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. <u>Neighborhood Registration Process</u>. – Item to update the NAC on the status of the neighborhood registration process.

Ms. Jiwani reported that there are 52 associations currently registered and 11 non-registered.

Commissioner Barnes asked for a comparison on the number of registrations from the previous year. Ms. Jiwani stated that last year approximately 49 registrations were received compared to 52 this year. In addition, Commissioner Barnes asked staff about the last registration date of the neighborhood associations that are currently not registered with the City. Ms. Jiwani stated that the requested information will be emailed to the commissioners soon. Furthermore, she encouraged the Commissioners to use the contact list provided in the agenda packet and connect with the assigned neighborhood associations.

V. <u>Neighborhood Mentoring Program</u>. – Item to share information on Neighborhood Advisory Commission contact with neighborhoods, get an update from the event committee.

Chair Overholt requested Commissioner Whitley to present her assigned mentoring reports.

Commissioner Whitley presented her mentoring report to the Commission. Attached, see a copy of the actual mentoring report.

Chair Overholt presented a mentoring report on behalf of Commissioner Stephens. Attached, see a copy of the actual mentoring report.

Ms. Jiwani gave a brief presentation on the upcoming NAC event on Thursday, February 19, 2009. She encouraged commissioners to call the Neighborhood Associations and encourage them to attend the event.

VI. <u>Neighborhood Enhancement Matching Grant Program</u>. – Item to update the NAC on the status of current Neighborhood Enhancement Matching Grant Projects.

Ms. Jiwani reported that Oak Hills ACORN project is now complete and showed the Commissioner a before and after presentation. She also mentioned that the President of Oak Hills ACORN, Gary Wooley will be making a presentation on NEMGP and their recent project at the NAC event. In addition, Ms. Jiwani asked the Commissioners to market the grant at the upcoming event.

VII. Neighborhood-Oriented Targeted Infrastructure and Code Enforcement (NOTICE)

Program. - Item to brief the NAC on the status of the Francis Perry Estates N.O.T.I.C.E.

Program.

Mrs. Ciocan reported that the project is ahead of schedule and its estimated completion date is June 2009.

VIII. <u>People Helping People Program.</u> - Item to brief the NAC on the status of the People Helping People Program.

Mrs. Ciocan delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation on the People Helping People projects (completed and in progress).

IX. <u>Enhanced Code Enforcement.</u> - Item to brief the NAC on the status of the Enhanced Code Enforcement in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Targeted Area.

Ms. Jiwani reported that there were 210 cases closed in the month of January.

X. <u>Visitors Comments & Other Business</u>.

Chair Overholt informed the commissioner about an upcoming Property Standards Board meeting on Thursday, February 19th at 1:00 pm. He stated that a public hearing is scheduled for one of the apartment complexes located in south Carrollton.

He also summarized the mentoring report schedule and reminded Commissioners of their assignment.

XI. Adjournment.

Chair Overholt adjourned the meeting at 8	:04 p.m.
Alan Overholt, Chair	-
Neighborhood Advisory Commission	
Scott Hudson	_
Director, Environmental Services	

Commissioner Debbie Whitley Mentoring Report Presented on Thursday, February 12, 2009

Martha Schroeder/Keller Springs Village

- Happy that city has worked with them on some problems at Keller Springs Park by cutting down some bushes that were overgrown and planting trees.
- They have Neighborhood Watch signs up now.
- Asked about standards / laws for single family dwellings. Wondered how many vehicles are allowed for each home.
- They would like to see a sign on Columbian Club.

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- They are concerned about the number of people living in houses, and the number of vehicles in front of each house.
- Their neighborhood heard a big noise on Sunday night, Jan. 18, 10:30 p.m.. Everyone on their block came outside to see what happened. Wanted to know if I knew what it was. (I called the city resource line, but they had no idea what it was.)

Jackson Potter / Two Worlds of Keller Springs

- Discussed a wooden bridge in his area that is being replaced. Started in summer, not finished yet. A concrete gutter going through was breaking up.
- The greenbelt is not right yet. It was sodded after the work was done, but trucks came in and tore it up. Sprinklers were broken. The HOA water bill went way up, but they were reimbursed for the water bills. They worked with a Mr. Gieger, an engineer for the project. (I mistakenly thought he was referring to a problem with the City, but Brian Passwaters said this was a private contractor working with them, and not the city.)
- He says crime has been spiking in the area for the past year....car break-ins and vandalism and graffiti....although he felt the past 3 months were a little better.
- Their HOA communicates by monthly newsletter taped to doors. They have a lot of elderly people in their neighborhood without computers.
- He meets with his board once a month and the board meets by themselves once a month, too.

Josey Park Estates / Brenton Croley (crow-lee)

• I called the old president Greg Hargis, who informed me there was a new president Brenton Croley. I called and e-mailed the new president. He sent me a return e-mail saying he would send a representative to the meeting, but I did not mention any concerns that his HOA was experiencing.

Bel-Air of Josey Ranch HOA / Mary Durie, President

• I left a number of messages with this HOA, but did not speak to anyone.

Commissioner Jan Stephens Mentoring Report Presented on Thursday, February 12, 2009

Country Lake Townhomes
Country Place Inc
Country Villas
Ridgeline Townhomes
Townhouse I
Trafalgar Square HOA
Walden HOA
Willow Lane Condominiums
Keller Springs HOA

✓ Country Lake Townhome Owners Association w/Country Place (7) Hoyt Taylor (972) 416-0720

Homeowners meet 1 time a year. This is a sub association of Country Place Inc. Dues are \$525.00 year. Street is in process of being repaired due to sewer replacement along bank of Fran's lake. Sidewalks and beautification in process. Have not participated in grant program, do not want to.

✓ Country Villas HOA (9) Barbara Hartger (972) 416-2777

Founded in 1975

Membership fee is \$105.00 monthly. 182 single family homes. Clubhouse has Christmas/Holiday party. Spring Fling meet your neighbors. Meetings are 1 time per year with about 65 participants. They are in the process of beautification at entrances, spoke to her about NAC grant program. Crime in neighborhood was the topic of the last annual meeting.

✓ Ridgeline Townhomes

Bob Walker- president (972) 331-2157

Founded 1983

Membership fee 96 2BR units @ \$137.00 and 96 3BR units @159.50

Participated in grant program. Attending NAC 1st annual meeting held last year. 48 buildings, 192 units. Association has 3 annual meetings per year. 1 social event in April, meet the neighbors. Newsletter is published a monthly "News from the board" and a quarterly newsletter. Crime was topic of last annual meeting along with Tarpley Road needing to be repaired. Residents want city code enforcement to send letter to business with tall weeds located on Tarpley Rd.

✓ Townhouse I w/The Country Place (44)

Bill Benson-president (972) 492-5125

Founded 1981 Mandatory HOA dues \$1,042.00 per year, paid monthly by residents

Article is published in Country Place monthly newsletter 112 single family homes

Residents meet 1 time a year with approximately 10 in attendance.

Streets are being repaired in association by city. Crime has decreased in past year due to cameras, residents watching each others property/homes.

✓ The Country Place (8)

Bonnie Jackson-Executive Director (972) 416-7825

Bill Harrison-President Founded-1972

Participated in NAC grant program for Carriage Lot beautification.

Mandatory HOA dues \$1,065.00 annually \$1,216.00 if paid quarterly 742 Single Family homes (includes 3 sub associations)
Security Cameras installed last year. In process of updated Bylaws from 1972. 1 annual HOA meeting in April to elect officers and vote on capital improvements/reserve trust.

Monthly newsletter delivered to each home in HOA. Events, 4th of July picnic/parade, Spring Fling, Breakfast with Santa, Board Holiday Party. 14 Clubs and groups within association. Attended NAC event last year.

✓ Trafalgar Square HOA (45)

Peggy Turner (972) 418-0706 Founded 1972 HOA dues are mandatory \$275.00 per month 173 single family homes

In process of obtaining bid for Security Cameras. Updating park in neighborhood.

1 annual meeting in May with about 100 residents in attendance

Crime has decreased a little since last year; police are patrolling area more often.

Monthly newsletter to all residents.

✓ Walden HOA w/Country Place (49)

Michael Sump (972) 416-5818

Participant in NAC grant program for Marsh Lane beautification project along with newly build fence.

Mandatory HOA dues \$1.050.00 per year, paid monthly by residents.

Article is published in Country Place newsletter monthly. Beautification project is complete. Three townhomes in need of repair have been updated by homeowners.

Mr. Sump will speak at the NAC event this year.

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