

2017 Adopt-a-Spot Community Engagement Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 7:30pm – 8:30pm – George Woods

The North & East Lubbock CDC connected the Parkway-Cherry Point neighborhoods residents with the City of Lubbock Codes Department and Animal Control to host the first of several neighborhood meetings featuring different city departments and action planning sessions. Following the meeting, the residents and NELCDC staff had sandwiches, cake, and drinks.



NELCDC Introduction and Housekeeping Items

Monique Coleman, NELCDC Executive Director, provided the following opening comments:

- Ms. Coleman welcomed everyone for coming out and introduced Neighborhood Association President, Ms. Betts, the Code Enforcement officer, and the Animal Control officer
- Ms. Coleman announced the agenda for the meeting
- Ms. Coleman explained the survey results and schedule for the upcoming months
- Ms. Coleman introduced Councilwoman Harris and expressed that she is a Neighborhood Champion just like Ms. Betts
- Ms. Coleman expressed the goal about tonight's meeting and presented a question to Residents about neighborhood meetings - what it means and how it affects their neighborhood
- Ms. Coleman and residents chanted "Neighbor Power"

Following these opening statements, Ms. Coleman transitioned the conversation to the City of Lubbock Codes Department and Animal Control. The following topics below were discussed.

Animal Control - Pets

- Animal Control officer, George Flores, provided his contact phone # 806-775-2057 and stated that services are available 24/7
- Mr. Flores stated that residents cannot have a dog living outside without a fence and animals must be vaccinated
- Mr. Flores stated that Ms. Betts is a very good go-to person if someone has questions about animals and need help in general
- Mr. Flores stated that you should make sure that your animals are spayed, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped
- A resident mentioned issues with possums in another area of Lubbock, so Mr. Flores advised to bring animals' food in the house to prevent rodents

Animal Control – Prairie Dogs

- Resident brought up prairie dog issue on property - Mr. Flores stated that the city does not necessarily deal with the prairie dog issue, however residents can consider having them relocated by a specialist
- Residents wanted more information on how to contact a Prairie Dog Specialist - Ms. Coleman expressed that NELCDC hired a professional to remove prairie dogs from the King's Dominion Area
- Ms. Coleman stated that she and Councilwoman Harris are working on a program to relocate prairie dogs in area
- Ms. Coleman expressed how prairie dog professionals removed the prairie dogs from King's Dominion area by flushing them out of holes with soapy water after their gestation period

Animal Control – Questions & Comments

- Mr. Flores opened the floor for any questions

- Resident posed a question about eliminating unwanted trash in their alley - Mr. Flores stated that Code Enforcement could be able to better answer that question
- Mr. Flores reiterated his phone #1-806-775-2057 to residents once again
- Resident raised a concerned about an animal using the restroom on their property and provided an address
- Councilwoman Harris expressed to residents how important it is to report these types of issues and in the event, no one answers after several times of residents calling to please do not hesitate to call her about it
- Ms. Coleman asked Mr. Flores about an online portal that residents can go to submit issues and or concerns in their area

Code Enforcement in General

- Mr. Stuart Walters from Code Enforcement provided his phone # 806-775-3000 or 311 and advised residents that this number will connect them to call center of Lubbock to state that they need to speak to an inspector
- Mr. Stuart stated that the residents are the eyes and hears of the community
- Mr. Stuart expressed that he handles (4) types of Codes which consist of an abatement process
 1. Zoning Enforcement
 2. Weeds & Rubbish Enforcement
 3. Inoperable vehicle on property and not the street
 4. Property Maintenance
- Mr. Stuart stated that Code Enforcement, PWCP Neighborhood Association and Keep Lubbock Beautiful are partnering up

Code Enforcement – Weeds and Vacant Property

- Resident raised a question about a drug house on their street - Mr. Stuart stated that they will need to speak with Police Department first, and then Codes would get involved if house becomes vacant and upkept

- Resident raised concern about high weeds in their area - Mr. Stuart stated that resident will need to call Codes so that they can take care of issue
- Resident posed another question about a vacant property - Mr. Stuart stated that any vacant property would have to first go through the Tax Office because there are criteria that the Tax Office must go through

Code Enforcement – Junk Vehicles

- Mr. Stuart stated that if junk vehicles are on private property to please contact Code Enforcement - if vehicle is on the street to call Police Department

Code Enforcement – Illegal Dumping and Recycling

- Resident has a concern about illegal dumping on property
- Mr. Walters stated that they need more help with codes, new programs, and new services - the city must hear from residents on what their community needs. He also stated that no program has been put into place for illegal dumping
- Ms. Coleman stated that NELCDC employees performed Housing Assessments in area for the Revitalization Project. Will be discussed more in detail in May.
- Residents stated that there is a big television in their area that has yet to be removed. Mr. Walters stated that they are working on having that television removed
- Resident wanted to know if Parkway school was demolished by Code Enforcement. Mr. Walters stated that the School System had the school building demolished
- Mr. Walters also stated that residents can take broken televisions to Texas Tech's great recycling program: "Marion Ross Enterprises"
- Mr. Walters stated that tires can be recycled at Denver City
- Ms. Coleman stated that NELCDC is thinking about partnering with Discount Tire for recycling tires and NELCDC Team has been researching more information on this

Housekeeping

- Councilwoman Harris spoke about making sure residents are consistent on calling the City on issues that are occurring in their area – make sure that residents issues are known and if their lights are out on their street to please call so it can be taken care of
- Councilwoman Harris stressed the issue that residents do this for everyone.
- Ms. Coleman stated to please keep coming to meetings and grow the neighborhood organization
- Ms. Betts stated that Sister Cleveland was the Neighborhood Association President up until 1997 and expressed to the residents that if they see anything that needs to be done to please call her
- Ms. Betts is wanting to implement Block Leaders on each street in PWCP Neighborhood
- Ms. Betts stated that the Neighborhood Association meets meet every third Tuesday of every month

NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 pm.

Location: *George Woods, 517 N. Zenith Ave*

April 18 Meeting Agenda: Police Department

NELCDC will provide light refreshments

Attending the April 18 meeting:

- City of Lubbock Police Department
- NELCDC Staff

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact the NELCDC office at 806-747-5937. Make sure to bring a neighbor to the April 18 meeting!

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