Walnut Ridge Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5th, 2015
Standing Bear Elementary School Cafeteria

6:30 PM Meeting Called to Order

Move to approve agenda—Steve motioned, homeowner seconded, all approved

Reading and Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes – April Meeting (Secretary)
Move to approve minutes— Steve motioned, Gerry seconded, all approved the minutes

Guest speaker:

Jerry Schulte- Walnut Ridge OCCP Representative. Presentation attached.

Officer Reports

President – The location of monthly meetings has changed from Hy-Vee to 7M Grill.

Grant approved for Citizen's Patrol of $1,030 and another grant through the Mayor's Office of $2,100, which will be used for repairing the lighting in the park.

Nomination and Election of officers to be held at the next monthly meeting in June. Contact a Board member to find out more about the positions or express interest and qualifications.

Committee Reports

Architectural and Landscaping Report/Update (Mary Aldinger)

Park Update: Mulching party for the tree rings in the park on Saturday, May 8th from 10am to 12pm.

Lighting: Working with Hiller Electric. New photocell lighting has been installed in the pavilion. The final repairs are pending with Hiller Electric

Fence maintenance and repairs: the HOA is responsible for fence repairs. Please let Hannah or a board member know if you notice a portion of the fence that needs repair.

Replacement of tree on traffic calming device: Three trees will be replaced through insurance with a hearty tree that can withstand the exhaust and traffic from the area as well as resetting the boulders and installing plants.

Safety Report

OCCP Representative Jerry Schulte: Have Gerry email his information.

Events

Spring Clean Up was held on May 2nd. The board is always looking for neighborhood volunteers to help run these events.
Next Project will be Saturday May 9th- Mulching trees in the park 10AM-Noon

Upcoming Key Calendar Dates:

Fourth of July Parade – 10:00 AM – Start at Standing Bear School and end at Park
Picnic – 8/22 Walnut Ridge Park (weather permitting) 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Garage Sales – 5/28, 5/29, 5/30 and 9/10, 9/11, 9/12
Fall Dumpster – 9/19, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Treasurer's Report

Financial and Management Representative - Hannah Porto – PJ Morgan Real Estate. Margaret Conlon received the free association through the HOA drawing.

Communications/Website/Facebook

Websites for information:
PJ Morgan Website
http://www.pjmorgan.com/property-management-home-owner-association.asp?id=19

Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/groups/163567707038149/

Nextdoor.com
https://walnutridgeomaha.nextdoor.com/news_feed/
199 out of 383 households have joined so far!
Mayor's Hotline
https://www.cityofomaha.org/mayor/component/wordpress/hotline/

New Business/Comments/Suggestions/Neighborhood Issues?

Will there ever be a new directory—Steve mentioned that Nextdoor provides for a directory; however, if someone is interested in creating a new directory please let the board know!

Real Estate Transfer at 16023 Manderson Street—Legacy sold a new home to Hillcrest Nursing Facilities.

With no further business the Annual Meeting was adjourned at
Next meeting: Thursday, June 6th, 2015 6:00pm at 7M Restaurant on 156th and Maple.

Greetings

I would like to thank the Walnut Ridge Board for inviting me to say a few words about our neighborhood citizen patrol.

My name is Jerry Schulte and I am the Walnut Ridge and Elk Creek Crossing citizen patrol captain.

I have lived here in Walnut Ridge just a little over two years. I previously live in Cherry Hills and was the

Captain of the NW TRI "C" patrol there.

A little about what a citizen patrol is. We are a group of concerned citizens that want to help promote safety in the area. We participate by attending a training session given by the Omaha Police Department and OCCP members. The citizen patrol works in conjunction with the Omaha police. We are an extra set of eyes and ears for the police. The police are too busy responding to 911 calls to spend time patrolling residential areas. The patrols are a deterrent by just being present. I have personally seen undesirable vehicles leave an area simply by us being there and observing.

Walnut Ridge and Elk Creek Crossing citizen patrol started in January of 2015. Our boundaries are Maple and Fort on the north and south, 156th and 168th street on the east and west. We pretty much cover the one square mile in that area. There are over 1000 homes, a school, church and business within this area. We currently have 14 trained citizens participating. Since January we have spent 124 hours, driven 576 miles, reported 19 street lights out, attended 11 meetings, reminded 48 residents of open garage doors, removed 10 illegal signs and handed out numerous safety brochures. We also have helped one lost driver get home out of our neighborhood and discussed citizen patrol with residents interested in the area.

We have been awarded a mayors grant to help us purchase some equipment, that being shirts, and some magnetic car identification signs.

We do not carry any weapons with us while on patrol, our only weapon is a phone, paper and pen. One of our main concerns is our SAFETY.

There are some safety brochures in the back for you to take and read. There are also some forms in the back if you are interested in either becoming a trained patroller or would just like to go along as an observer.

Both the trained and observer require a back ground check by the police. Forms are located in the back if you are interested.

If you have any questions I would be happy to answer them. Only have a few minutes.

Thank you and STAY SAFE!!