

# Woodsshire HOA 2025 Annual Meeting

*Minutes provided by Secretary Ashley Siedhoff*

The 2025 Woodsshire HOA annual meeting took place on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Irving Rec Center. The meeting started at 6:08pm with a greeting from President Emily Faubel. There were 30 neighbors present, including the President, Secretary/Treasurer (Ashley Siedhoff), Co-Vice-Presidents (Gary Yuen & Judy Greenwald), and members at large (Lonnie Connelly & Lorinda Rice).

The president welcomed the neighbors and continued the long tradition of everyone introducing themselves; sharing where they live and how long they have lived there. Emily reminded everyone that our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is approaching and shared ideas that have been discussed so far (house tours, driveway visits, fundraising event, etc.), and she asked people to consider hosting. She also shared that the board has a goal to get our by-laws updated as they are very outdated, including how we vote, and asked for feedback.

The treasurer report was provided by Ashley Siedhoff. She reviewed the 2024 financial report and focused on the categories that were over-budget and explained why. 2024 was a rough storm year and the park experienced a lot of tree damage, causing us to spend money outside of our budgeted tree maintenance and waste removal; insurance increased as well. She thanked those that have donated additional funds for the tree fund and park maintenance as those funds become essential as our park ages and the costs to maintain it increase. A reminder was given to please keep children from climbing the circle and park trees to help prevent unnecessary damage, and to also keep any fallen tree branches in your own yard and do not place them in the park for clean up as it is not the HOA's responsibility to pay for that removal. Emily thanked the neighbors for their trust in the board as we make spending decisions and promised we do everything we can to keep within our current budget.

Gary presented about the park committee and what their mission is and what their principles are: preserve and maintain, follow sustainable, environmentally sound practices, and keep within the budget limits. Gary explained their main efforts: communicate with landscape companies, coordinate/schedule services, and get bids in order to stay within our budget. They also organize neighborhood efforts for clean up a couple of times a year. He shared information on the shrubs in the park (intentional plantings: Spirea & Honesuckle), and how difficult Honesuckle is to maintain because of how it grows and smothers other plants. Gary reviewed the accomplishments made with bed 11 during the fall clean-up, and although it doesn't look great now, it will improve a lot in the next year or two with time for re-growth. He shared about beds 8, 9, and 12 and how volunteers were able to clean up the spirea rather nicely, and he also shared that the landscape cloth under bed 6 was removed as it was causing issues with weeds growing underneath and blocking water absorption (causing more bad than good). Gary shared the committee's plans for this next year, which is to focus on beds 6, 10, 11 and 12 (plant grass/shrubs, replant bare areas, remove vines/woody weeds) and plant shrubs and tall grasses to camouflage the sprinkler control box. They are seeking commercial bids for trimming and removing honeysuckle in bed 7 in the future. He also shared a list of requests from the committee: share comments/issues, volunteer to: form an ad hoc committee, complete a mid-summer clean up, and cut and pile up fallen limbs/sticks at the curb, contact the park if you would like to transport trees, shrubs, or flowers into the park. There

was also a plea to please avoid fireworks in the park in order to keep our wildlife, dogs, and children safe from debris. Judy also encouraged everyone to walk the park and help clean up sticks/limbs after any storms, as there is always work to be done and the help is much appreciated to keep our park beautiful. When asked for questions, Heidi Piccini asked if we could somehow share more formal information to the neighborhood about children not climbing the trees and not lighting off fireworks in the park, so signs and notices were discussed.

Emily discussed the due increase and why it is necessary and opened it up for questioning. Don Fritz spoke up to encourage neighbors to approve the increase due to inflation and the age of the trees in the park. Regina Werum asked how the tree fund functions, and Judy shared that it is flexible, and we use those funds as needed (no set amount, just what we can afford). Seth Vredenburg shared that he and his family would be happy to step up and help with storm clean up and asked if there's a way to reach out when additional funds are needed to replace a lost tree or when clean up help is needed.

New slate of officers: Seth Vredenburg has volunteered to join as an at-large board member. Emily asked if anyone else would want to step forward to be an at-large board member, but no additional members volunteered. All current board members will remain in their current positions, but if any neighbors are interested in joining the board then they are encouraged to reach out.

Emily opened it up for any questions or comments. Linda Jones raised concerns about areas of W. Pershing and the parking congestion at the end of the block. Other concerns were raised about neighbors parking near blind corners (17<sup>th</sup> & High St) or in the round-a-bouts, and they asked that the board ask that no one park in the circles for extended amounts of time. Neighbors are encouraged to use UPLNK or the non-emergency number (402-441-6000) to report safety issues regarding parking or other concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ☐ April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am
- ☐ April 26<sup>th</sup> Spring Clean Up
- ☐ May 3<sup>rd</sup> Neighborhood Garage Sale
- ☐ July 3<sup>rd</sup>- Courtney Hillebrecht chair

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