

OSUNA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2006, 7:00 pm
Osuna Elementary School Cafeteria

ATTENDANCE: Board members present were Carolyn Clark, John Foster, Penny Hoe, Nancy Rickerman, Donea Shane, and Frieda Thorsen. Including board members and speakers, attendance numbered approximately 25. President PENNY HOE presided over the meeting.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- PHIL SHORTELL, newsletter editor, and MARY SHORTELL, distributor, were recognized for their continuing work on the newsletter.
- VOLUNTEER SHEETS were circulated by Penny Hoe for membership contributions to the board member nomination committee, Clean Up Day, and assistance with articles for the newsletter, and newsletter distribution.
- INOPERATIVE VEHICLE forms were made available to those who wish to report such nuisances.
- PENNY HOE will attend a City-sponsored workshop for conducting effective meetings.
- SATELLITE COFFEE donated coffee for the meeting and 2 pounds of coffee beans that were raffled off during the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer John Foster reported the following:

\$1,160.84 2005 end-of-year balance
\$100.00 donation to Osuna PTA for 5th Graders' trip to Santa Fe Legislature
\$100.00 donation to Sandia High School Senior Graduation Party
\$ 739.00 February 2006 balance to date

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Nancy Rickerman summarized the minutes of the November General Meeting. The minutes were adopted by the membership.

BYLAWS: Board member FRIEDA THORSEN reviewed the changes to the Association's bylaws for acceptance by the membership. The changes were approved by membership vote and will be submitted to the City as required.

CLEAN UP DAY: Member GARY HOE is spearheading the association's Clean Up Day in conjunction with the city-sponsored Mayor's beautification project on April 29, 2006. He has applied to the City for a grant to help finance the association's efforts to clean up our neighborhood. He has also requested a roll-off dumpster from the City which will be parked in front of the school. He will be conducting organizational meetings next month for those who have volunteered.

GUEST SPEAKER: JAY A. SWANDER retired from the United States Air Force with the rank of colonel after 29 years of active duty. His curriculum vitae includes an impressive array of accomplishments in military and civilian security. His lifetime achievements make him imminently qualified to educate our neighbors about **identity theft**. Mr. Swander provided a variety of useful sources to contact for prevention of or remedies for identity theft. These sources will be listed on the association's website at www.osunaparkna.org. Some points of his talk included the following:

"Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States. American consumers, banks, and businesses loose over \$60 billion/year. It has become a national problem of such enormity, it is not a question of **if** you will become a victim, but **when**. One in five Americans will be a victim, and only one thief in 20 will ever be arrested. It typically takes between 80 hours and 18 months and costs between \$200 and several thousand dollars to rectify identity theft. Users of cell phones, wireless laptops, PDA and blackberries are most vulnerable. Those technologies are easier for thieves to access account numbers and other credit information.

"How To Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

- Don't carry important documents in purse, wallet or PDA
- Don't give personal info over the phone (never over a cell phone) unless you initiated the call
- Obtain annual credit report
- Shred personal info
- Write checks with GEL INK PEN - can't be acid washed and written over
- Pick up mail daily and don't put outgoing mail in home mail boxes
- Call sender if bills and statements don't arrive on time

"What To Do If You Are A Victim Of Identity Theft

- File a police report immediately
- Notify issuers of credit cards, ATM cards, bank accounts, telephone calling cards, video rental cards, library cards, driver's license and Social Security card.
- Stop payment on checks or close accounts. Put passwords on all accounts.
- Keep diary of all contacts, dates, times, discussions, actions to be taken"

Refreshments were provided, and once again coffee was donated by Satellite Coffee.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm