

## **Minutes: Wedgwood West Neighborhood Association – March 3, 2008**

The first general meeting of the Wedgwood West Neighborhood Association (WWNA) was held at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of J. T. Stevens Elementary School. Trey Harris, interim president, welcomed attendees and introduced the interim officers: Jack McCranie, vice president; Dorothy Parker, secretary; and Linda Howard, treasurer.

Proposed bylaws were reviewed and sample copies were circulated for review. Officers and bylaws were approved by voice vote. The new officers will serve 1 year terms. The bylaws state that association meetings should be held at least quarterly. Special guests were introduced.

Councilman Jungas Jordan spoke about transportation changes/additions for District 6 which affects WWNA.

Featured speaker was Mr. Glen Estes (Candleridge Neighborhood Association Gas Committee representative)

He had the following comments regarding Gas Well leases:

- Get commitment from membership to support your gas leasing committee (60-70%)
- Keep membership informed of progress (every 2-4 weeks)
- Candleridge is negotiating with Paloma Gas Co. in their area
- Individuals cannot do better than a united group/association
- Candleridge and Wedgwood South are working together
- \$12K - \$18K per acre is the going rate
- Several organizations (associations) banded together may help, but it is difficult to reach agreement and they may have to deal with too many leasing gas companies
- Everything in the lease agreement (contract) is negotiable
- It may be desirable to have an attorney
- Association can negotiate an extra amount in lease to cover association expenses (i.e. attorney)
- Be flexible and patient
- Have only one person to act as spokesperson in dealing with gas co.
- Be skeptical of landsman's promises
- Cannot send drilling lines under unleased property
- Available drill site needs to be 3-4 acres and lateral drilling radius is 6000'
- Site must have pipeline access
- Association needs to have more than one gas co. to bid for leases or association will have no leverage on price
- City Parks leasing is part of Mr. Estes' job also and the city has oversight on truck traffic to the well site

A period of questions and answers followed. Questions were raised about mineral acreage vs. land acreage and whether the lessee or leaser will determine legal ownership of mineral rights.

Several attendees indicated their interest in participating on the Taskforce for Oil Gas Drilling. The executive committee will meet soon to organize the committee.

Two candidates for State Representative District 97 were allowed to speak briefly in support of their positions for the upcoming election. All candidates were invited but only two accepted the invitation. Volunteers were requested for block captains and a newsletter.

One hundred fifty eight residents signed the attendance roster. Eight guests were introduced. By the end of the meeting WWNA had 76 paid members enrolled.

Next meeting will be planned for May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 or sooner if indicated. Members will be notified by e-mail or flier.

Dorothy E. Parker, Secretary

