November 2nd RWNA Board Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7:01pm
2. Pat approved September 5th's meeting minutes, seconded by Fred, Karen and Jill
3. Beautification Update:
    a. The entrance beds need attention: looking to do something for the fall?
        i. Possibly perennials for Harwood and annuals for Industrial Blvd.
        ii. Do we have enough money in the budget to make it look full? Fred will send out updated expenses sheet.
        iii. The one tree/bush on Harwood is covering the bottom portion of the sign, can we do anything about that?
        iv. Asa is going to clean up the beds, put in new mulch and add some colorful flowers.
        v. Jill suggested wandering jew, it is a perennial and good to have. We'll wait until spring to plant.
    b. Discuss seasonal displays and what is needed/when
        i. Asa is going to buy 4 small wreaths and Isabelle will make presents for the 2 entrances.
    c. Public works did a great job on the pipe line on Forest Dr., it's all done. Took a little time to clean up.
    d. Asa will put up the flags for the mini flags for Veteran's day
    e. The city cleaned up the creek bed in phase 4 without attequite notification. Some neighbors were not happy due to vehicles being parked in yards and the work being done early in the morning.
    f. Karen asked them to add asphalt to corner on cummings and Creekside- will see where that leads.
    g. The city does not have plans to touch the small creek beds behind phases 1-3. Neighbors do not want concrete done to their creek since that is why they originally bought.
    h. On forest on church side the netting is too full and needs to be empty.
    i. Pat spoke to the city about having a rock discount with a local place as the city could help the neighbors in their backyards.
    j. Need to look further into city's help with keeping dirt/ground from eroding and causing pipes to burst.

4. Social Update:
    a. Reviewed past events
        i. National Night Out- went well, will be sure to include it next year
        ii. Movie Nights- good turnout, will do another one
    b. Confirm upcoming events
        i. Chili Cook Off- November 8th at 4pm
            1. Misty Glenn Ct.
            2. Need table, extension cord
        ii. Holiday Happy Hour- December 6th at 5:30pm
            1. Rochelle's House
            2. The signs will not be changed, therefore, they will not say "Holiday Happy Hour"
            3. Put sign in wrong yard
        iii. Holiday Decorations Stroll- December 12th, 6:30pm
            1. Route: start in phase 1 and end in phase 4
            2. We'll have hot cocoa and cookies at 3 stations:
                a. Use kiddos that need volunteer hours
                b. Starting location, Rochelle's house and ending location
            3. Isabelle and Fred will look into having poll on website for best decorations/social media
        iv. Annual Meeting- January 24th 3:30pm-5:30pm at Rochelle's house
            1. Will add the "Winter" newsletter to the 1st billing, which will go out in December. The annual meeting will be promoted to obtain attendance.
        v. Thirsty Thursday (Galentine's Day edition)- February, 12th at 7pm
            1. Isabelle's house
        vi. Whiskey Wrangle- Lee is okay to continue hosting these events, but other guys have volunteered and he's encouraged them to attend the annual meeting in January if they're still interested.
        vii. Extras:
            1. Yard of the Month (April to September 2026)
                a. Need to set up website to have nomination page- Fred
                b. Need to figure out the requirements to be selected

        i. Has paid dues
        ii. Not violating covidence
    c. Only win once per year
2. Best Holiday Decorations Display
    a. Figure out how to vote while on stroll- poll on Facebook page/website
    b. Sign is made
3. Pat suggested holding more family events, suggestions included:
    a. Earth Day- plant seeds like planned for 2025
        i. Bedford library has a free seed bank
    b. Pumpkin painting for fall
    c. Couples activities and not just one or the other
    d. Easter egg hunt
    e. Do we have a space to use for common events?
        i. No, but we could always use the church if we don't advertise for it. Possibly use the neighbor's address that is on Forest Dr.
    f. 250 years for July 4th, we will look into doing something special.

c. We are missing a metal sign, should we buy another one?
    i. We will wait until after the annual meeting to see if the old one shows up.
d. Isabelle would like to put in permanent fixtures to be able to put signs in the ground easier.
    i. Since the spaces we generally put the signs in are not the city's, we'd need the home owner's consent.

5. Financial Update:
    a. View current expense report- Fred will send out
    b. Go over 2025's dues collected so far- Fred will send out
    c. 1st round of 2026 billing- Fred will bring mailing items to holiday party and everyone will take a few to stuff and send out at home.
6. Block Captain Update: Jill and Rochelle will send list
    a. What blocks need captains?
    b. What are the block captains responsibilities?
        i. Hand out newsletters
        ii. Hand out 2nd billing
        iii. Host block parties
            1. How can we ensure they do that?

7. Website Update:
    a. Are the emails updated- Fred will look into it
    b. Update social events to only show upcoming events
        i. Add annual meeting
    c. Is there a way to be able to click on the events to see photos and learn more about them?
8. Newsletter: Send out Winter issue with first billing
    a. Letter from President
    b. Due reminder
    c. Wanted positions for board or block captains
    d. Highlight annual meeting in January
    e. Market 2026's events
    f. Anything else?
        i. Bedford public library has seed cateloge and random items
        ii. Acknowledge the current block captains and put out new ones needed
9. Safety Update:
10. 2025 RWNA Goals Review:
    a. Have 56% of houses pay dues (Phase 4 specifically)
        i. Action steps:
            1. Write letters to phase 4
            2. Quarterly hand out rather than only twice
            3. Events, if they feel like we're doing things for them, then they should pay
            4. Talk to your neighbors, face to face contact
                a. Need to have a meeting with Karen and Fred after the September meeting
                b. Pat asked if we could have a list of phase 4 houses to see who has not paid yet.
    b. Have more participation in events
        i. Action steps:
            1. Use signs regularly
            2. Have several but reliable and consistent ways of getting the word out
                a. Website
                b. Facebook page
                c. Email
                d. Nextdoor?
            3. Have events for all residents

    c. Neighborhood connections
        i. Action step:
            1. Helping your neighbor
            2. Hold block parties
11. New Business- Open Forum
    a. The creeks on Cummings and throughout the neighborhood are starting to get bad due to erosion.
        i. We need to reach out to the city to have them come and evaluate what can be done for prevention.
12. Next meeting- teams meeting for January 14th at 7pm
    a. Fred is no Mondays
    b. Rochelle is no Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Thursdays beside November)
13. Positions up for election:
    a. Vice President
    b. Safety
    c. Legal
    d. Communications
    e. Having Co's for social and secretary
14. Meeting ended at 8:03pm