

**Winnona Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA)**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2016**

Meeting Start - 7:17pm

**Introductions** – Executive board & meeting participants

**Suspension of Bylaws**

1. Agreed to suspension of the bylaws requiring elections in January
2. Proposal of changing bylaws
  - Remove term limits of 2-years.
  - Change language that requires 20% of the membership to attend the meeting to suspend the bylaws
    - Vote to occur next meeting

**Public Safety Update** – Lt. Ross

- Crime Stats update for Decatur: Increase of 11% 2015 vs. 2014 primarily due to increase in Bike thefts (105 in 2015). Reported they have slowed since they arrested an individual responsible for a number of these thefts.
- 1 min and 50 sec average police response time on average
- Discussion on zones and staffing
- Motor Vehicle Pursuit Policy: Officers in Decatur can legal pursue only for specific serious crimes (e.g. armed robbery, kidnapping, etc.).
- 3-year strategic plan: 1) Communications & Social media, 2) Technology (including body cameras using 2<sup>nd</sup> generation), 3) Youth Engagement
- Register with Smart 911 (Smart911.com).
- Citizens Police Academy to learn more! Contact Lt. Jennifer Ross at [Jennifer.ross@decaturga.com](mailto:Jennifer.ross@decaturga.com) or (678) 553-6613
- Free Women's Self defense class offered through the Decatur Police Department. Contact Lt. Jennifer Ross at [Jennifer.ross@decaturga.com](mailto:Jennifer.ross@decaturga.com) or (678) 553-6613
- Q&A – Discussion about cycle incidents, calm calendar

**WPNA Past & Present**

- Past - Historical newsletters on the website (<http://winnonapark.org/archivesnewsletter.htm>)
- Present – 1) Membership is good and growing, 2) Goal is to increase the involvement in the association
- MLK Project – Looking for proposals for a house in need

**New to the Neighborhood** - Casie Hughes

- Presented slide show: Winnona Park: Range of \$285k- \$975k (detached), Increase in 2015 around 9.4%, Houses sold at 98% of list.

- Patty Garrett: Downtown development authority – Cottage court, small square footage, shared lawn area, targeting to walkable city.

### **Committee Reports**

- Social - Seeking a committee members and chair, couple of planned events coming in 2016. Contact [board@winnonapark.org](mailto:board@winnonapark.org) if interested.
- Communications – Yahoo groups, WPNA official page, WPNA Share Group, Next Door – Neighbor, website – Video page, Nation and Neighbors
- Community Outreach – Marnie Grodzin – Yard Sale - Saturday, April 16th, 8:30am - 3:00pm, WPNA Shares evening to communicate, Brown Bag lunches
- Treasurer/Membership/Product – Review of current financials, Revenue and approval of the 2016 budget, discussion on new loyalty card associated with membership.

### **Election of Officers**

- Scott Moore – President
- Pete Shannin – Vice-President
- Tom DeSimone – Secretary
- Seegar Swanson - Treasury

Meeting adjourn – 8:50pm