

# WHNC Annual Meeting



November 9, 2010

7:00 PM

Reagan Elementary

**Facilitator:** Steve Patten

**Note taker:** Heather Patten

**Guest Speakers:** Dennis Bryers, Omaha City Parks Director 2 and Maria Michaelis, White Hawk SID Board

## Minutes

**Agenda item:** WHNC Year in Review **Presenter:** Steve Patten

- Successful events of 2010 include:
  1. Cabin Fever Party at Champions Club
  2. Easter Egg Hunt & Scavenger Hunt
  3. Doggie Spring Fling
  4. National Night Out (Block Party Event)
  5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Camp Out for a Cause, raised \$4,900 for Children's Pediatric Cancer Unit.
- 2010 Directories were handed out at the meeting, if you did not receive one; please email the WHNC to make arrangements to pick one up.

**Agenda item:** White Hawk Parks & Athletic Fields **Presenter:** Dennis Bryers

- 4 baseball fields & soccer fields have been completed
- Planted 43 additional trees along S 194<sup>th</sup> Street
- No parking signs added along S 194<sup>th</sup> Street
- Currently paving large parking lot on S 194<sup>th</sup> St, just north of F St.
- Additional parking will be added between ball fields #3 & #4 once neighborhood reaches 80% capacity & the detention pond is filled in.
- Additional parking will also be added at the South end of the ballfields, but timing is yet to be determined.
- White Hawk Park signs coming soon.
- Plan to get their own water lines to the parks & fields, currently sharing with the development.
- Questions were raised about putting benches around the jogging path on the lake, and planting additional trees around the lake, this would be up to the neighborhood, the city has no plans or budget to do this in the foreseeable future.
- Concern was raised about the handicapped accessibility of the ball fields since the path from the sidewalk is not paved. There are no current plans to pave these walkways, but if complaints are received they would have to address it at that time.
- Many neighbors have inquired about putting a splash park on the lot south & west of the lake, Dennis' comment is that there is no plan & no budget for it at this time, so it would be up to the neighborhood to fund this & coordinate with the Parks Department.
- Dennis explained that the White Hawk parks are a unique situation. The City owns & maintains the park area on the East side of the creek, and the west side is owned by the SID. Typically, the city waits until the SID is annexed by the City before they take over parks; however, an exception was made in White Hawk due to the overwhelming need for more ball fields.

### Additional Questions & Comments:

**Questions & Comments Related to Ball Fields:**

- City has a 5 year agreement with KWAA, Elkhorn Baseball & Elkhorn Softball for usage of the baseball fields. Expires in 2013.
- The Ball Clubs have first dibs on using these fields, but they are open to other groups. If you wish to use the ball fields, you can coordinate through KWAA or Elkhorn Baseball.
- For more information, you can go to [www.kwaa.org](http://www.kwaa.org); [www.elkhornbaseball.org](http://www.elkhornbaseball.org) or contact Steve Scarpello, Parks Administrator at 444-5941.

**Agenda item:**

SID Board Q&A

**Presenter:** Maria Michaelis

**Discussion Items:**

- Why don't we have an HOA? The WHNC is NOT an HOA, merely a social committee. The SID is the governing body of White Hawk, residents can form an HOA at any time if they so desired, it is merely a matter of generating enough support & funds from the neighbors to take over maintaining White Hawk.
- Who regulates the builders in the neighborhood? This is up to the developer. Maria confirmed with the SID that even if we do form an HOA this is still the developer's call.
- Who enforces covenants? Direct these issues to the SID & they will address covenant issues. Contact: Joyce Sramek at 964-4672
- A request was made to put the SID meeting minutes on the WHNC website, we will work on adding this in the future.

**Other Questions:**

- Who to call about various issues:
  1. Snow Removal – Douglas County
  2. Damaged Roundabouts & Broken Curbs – Douglas County
  3. Broken / Burnt Out Street Lights – OPPD

**Agenda item:**

The Future of the WHNC

**Presenter:** Steve Patten

**Completed Items:**

- At the heart of the WHNC is the Executive Board. The Board manages the website, maintains the membership directory, facilitates communication with the rest of the neighborhood & oversees the neighborhood events.
- Unfortunately, we are losing several Board members this year so we are looking for volunteers to help keep things going. The time commitment can be as little as 1 hour a month. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2011 Board, please contact [neighbor@whitehawkneighbor.com](mailto:neighbor@whitehawkneighbor.com).
- If you are unable to commit to the Board, but would still like to help out in some way, we can always use help handing out flyers or planning events. Please contact us at the above email address to volunteer.