

Markham Minutes August 5, 2014

The Markham neighborhood came together on Neighborhood Night Out August 5 for a picnic and a short informal meeting at the park on 17th by the water tower. The picnic was probably the largest event ever held by the Markham Neighborhood, with Carol Porto counting 83 neighbors of all ages present. Advertising, utensils, and paper goods were supplied by Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. Phil Richman also posted many reminders on Nextdoor Markham, and neighbors in Indian Hills helped spread the word in that area. Everyone brought food to share, Donna Herron brought a game of bean bag toss and a water cooler, and Jan Kuhl-Urbach a large ice chest.

After dinner the meeting began with Phil Richman giving a short speech, during which he announced his resignation as Chairman effective October 15. He stated his goal on taking this office was to help energize the neighborhood, and his special interests during his time in office have been transportation, safety, and the environment. He said he is willing to help the new Chairman with ideas for going forward and making connections to city officials. Susan Cato also plans to resign as Secretary. There will be an election for a new Board of officers at the next quarterly meeting. Phil provided a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in serving. Donna Herron gave an update, based on the most recent information she received from the Bureau of Environmental Services, on the work planned for the Tryon Creek outfall construction project in the Indian Hills area sometime this month. She displayed a poster of the project.

The next quarterly meeting will be October 14, 7 pm, at 9015 SW 19th Ave on the corner of Marigold. It is hoped that many will attend and participate in the election so that we, as a neighborhood, can continue to build on the current momentum that brought so many neighbors together for a successful Neighborhood Night Out event.