

**★ BARTON ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ★**  
**Board/Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2006**

- I. **Twenty-one neighbors were present at Barton Elementary School for the first BART Board meeting of the year 2006.**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by outgoing president, Doris Dickey. Mrs. Dickey called out the names of those who had agreed to run for office and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations and the slate was approved unanimously as follows:**

**OFFICERS:**

**Carol Barber – President  
Diane Meyer – V. President  
Felix Garza – Treasurer  
Noelia Garza – Secretary**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Betsy Parrish  
Anne Deem  
Flo Stevens  
Jan Schriefer**

**Past President Advisory Board Members:**

**Karen Harmon  
Doris Dickey**

**Mrs. Dickey turned the meeting over to incoming President Carol Barber.**

**After informing the members that she will work to encourage BART residents to become (or continue to be) informed, responsible, and neighborly, and to foster ways to relate to other neighborhoods, Mrs. Barber stressed that one of her goals is for us to “have fun together”. Also, she encouraged input – either via e-mail or privately.**

- II. **The President then introduced the Special Guest, Leticia Hurtado, Neighborhood Coordinator of the City of Irving.**

**After some brief biographical comments, Mrs. Hurtado stated that she hopes to focus on and improve “not so pretty areas” of Irving. She wants to change the present perception that City Council and**

other Irving officers are hard to approach. She also wants residents to be aware of issues in other neighborhoods.

Ms. Hurtado encouraged residents to contact her at 972-721-8042 regarding any concerns connected with code, recycling, or other issues.

III. President Carol Barber recognized those present, outgoing President Doris Dickey for her outstanding service and dedication to BART as President (she will continue on the Board), and Skip Schroeder, a valued Board member ending his term of service. She then made copies of the By-laws available to the members. Introduction of new members followed. Each member obliged with a brief “life history”.

IV. Issues:

- a. A grant request of \$1,500 has been submitted from the Community Partnership Fund, City of Irving. This money will be used mainly for postage. It will also help fund 4 events, 4 meetings, National Night Out, and other events as needed.
- b. February Newsletter to be mailed soon.
- c. City ordinance changes include doorknob hangers and garage sale permits (2 sales per year); maximum grass height – to 10 inches from 12; and fence post replacement –metal posts only.
- d. Video tapes on Emergency Preparedness are available at the Irving Public Library. Copies can be obtained from Doris Dickey, Carol Barber, or Karen Harmon: the information can also be downloaded from the Web.
- e. Weekly pick-up of recycled items will begin on February 9, 2006. Karen informed that bulky items, trees, couches, fences will be picked up once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> full week of each month. Items should be set out by Monday, as the truck may come any day of the week. (There was some discussion on what to do about bulky material left out indefinitely, and also about people going through blue bags set out for pick-up.)
- f. Crime Watch: information needed regarding house on Bunn.
- g. February Neighborhood Event – watch Newsletter for information.

V. New Business and Open Discussion:

Carol Barber, Jan Schiefer, Karen Harmon, and Doris Dickey will represent Barton Estates at the next City Wide Roundtable Meeting.

The Board will continue to meet quarterly. Newsletter will be published and mailed bi-monthly. The BART website is undergoing

**some revamping. Neighbors are asked to provide prior notice to Carol Barber if they wish to address the group at a Board/Neighborhood meeting.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m by the President.**

**Addendum: Carol Barber, President, and Felix Garza, Treasurer, will be placed upon the BART checking account as the “either/or” required signature; this transaction at the bank will also be executed with the presence of Doris Dickey, past President, and Jan Schriefer, past Treasurer. This represents a change from two required signatures in the past. The Treasurer will present a financial report at all Board/Neighborhood BART meetings.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Noelia A. Garza  
Secretary, Barton Estates Neighborhood Association**