

The Greater Inwood Area Maintains Strong Community Bond among Neighborhoods

Attendance at the Greater Inwood Partnership's membership meeting proves there is a strong community bond among neighborhoods in the Greater Inwood area.

Houston, July 17, 2009 – Located in near northwest Houston, the greater Inwood area's 30+ beautiful subdivisions have more in common than location. Besides being connected by their main corridors they are also connected by their shared commons and green spaces, their shared history, their ideas for the future and by their challenges. Soon many of the subdivisions will be physically connected by the new West White Oak Bayou Trail Extension bikeway.

The Greater Inwood Partnership serves as the catalyst, bringing neighborhood and city leaders together to share ideas that ultimately lead to actionable plans. For the past 17 years dedicated volunteers have been working together in the Greater Inwood Partnership to build a better community.

As part of their mission to unify the area, the Greater Inwood Partnership hosted their second membership meeting this year to update members, share new information and discuss community building ideas. About 50 people were in attendance representing 35 neighborhoods located throughout the greater Inwood area.

"We had a full schedule to cover and received a lot of great feedback from our members," said Daphne Tumlin, a Greater Inwood Partnership Board Director and Inwood Forest resident. "Turn out at our meetings just proves the strong community connection we have between our neighborhoods in the greater Inwood area. Everyone enjoys the interaction and the sharing of ideas. It's always rewarding to see."

Captain Victor Rodriguez, Commander of the Houston Police Department's North Division updated the group on area crime trends and crime prevention initiatives. Director of the 311 City of Houston Service Helpline, Gloria Bingham, also shared tips on how to best utilize the 311 Service Helpline. "It's always great when we have the opportunity to hear from those working in the field and learn about matters from their real-world experiences," Tumlin added. "Everyone in attendance spoke up, offered suggestions and provided feedback. So much can be accomplished when people really begin to share their passion and our membership meetings provide that opportunity."

Other items on the agenda included updates on the Antoine Drive Landmark Project, an introduction to the Realtor Education Program and an update on the Inwood Forest Golf Course.

The Greater Inwood Partnership awarded their Proud Partner award to The Christian Outreach Center of Living Word. Ollie Perry, Greater Inwood Partnership Board Director and resident of Forrest Lake Townhomes presented the award to Dr. Shirley Ledet, Director of The Christian Outreach Center. "When we come across an organization that is working to improve our area and help residents living in the greater Inwood area we try to recognize their hard work by awarding them the Greater Inwood Partnership's Proud Partner Award. We're proud to be partners with the Christian Outreach Center. They provide a list of outreach services that include: food pantry, GED classes, parenting classes, anger management classes, programs to help pregnant teens and job re-entry training. The Christian Outreach Center of Living Word is helping to improve the quality of people's lives and they are very deserving of the Greater Inwood Partnership's Proud Partner Award." Perry said.

Former president of the Greater Inwood Partnership, James Adams was also honored for his service to the organization and to the community. James gave freely of his time, his enormous energy and his talent to the greater Inwood community and he led by his principled example. Adams simply summed up the work of the Greater Inwood Partnership when he said "the Greater Inwood Partnership really represents the power of the

community. We have no political power, no taxing authority, no funding beyond donations, no facilities and no paid employees but what we do have is a 17 year history of Passion!"

The Greater Inwood Partnership is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization devoted to developing, encouraging, promoting, beautifying, protecting, and unifying the greater Inwood area of Houston. The Inwood area comprises 35 neighborhoods bounded roughly by Gulf Bank Road to the north, Pinemont to the south, T.C. Jester to the east and Hollister to the west. For more information about the Greater Inwood Partnership, greater Inwood neighborhoods and becoming a member please visit their website www.GreaterInwoodPartnership.org.



Pictured from left to right are: Daphne Tumlin, Greater Inwood Partnership Board Director; James Adams, Former president of the Greater Inwood Partnership and Rick Miller, Greater Inwood Partnership Board Director. They are sharing with GIP members the Antoine Drive Landmark Project