

2023 Arbor District accomplishments

The Arbor District has a very active year, organizationally and in terms of actions to improve the neighborhood:

Neighborhood improvement:

January - Community-wide meeting to address gun violence, due to an upsurge of retaliatory shootings in the heart of the Arbor District. State's Attorney Joe Cervantes attended, with helpful information and follow-up with announcements about apprehensions of shooters that were transmitted to the Arbor District email list.

These concerns continued, including concerns about squatters, as several houses and other buildings (including the old part of the Walnut St. Baptist Church owned by the City) burned down due to squatters starting fires.

Encouraged Bucky Dome to acquire house that was burned down by squatters on the NW corner of Forest and Cherry.

In general, encouraged "squatter patrol" to report problem properties using SeeClickFix

Held "Living Room Conversations" with City Council and Mayoral candidates before April's elections.

Participated in Earth Day clean-up

Held spring neighborhood gathering and potluck.

Supported owner of former Glass House (805 W. Freeman) regarding its use as a federal halfway house.

We submitted CIP request for improvements to W Cherry between Poplar and Oakland, including a pilot project of traffic calming and striping of Forest Cherry intersection in anticipation of increased visitor traffic to the Fullerton Dome Home museum and interpretive center, as well as to address speeding and frequent incidents of running that (Forest/Cherry) stop sign. Endangering especially neighborhood children.

Held annual holiday party

Organizational

Resurrected the Arbor District website. www.arbordistrict.org

Formally incorporated as a state not-for-profit corporation. (Not tax exempt as our expenses are too low to make it worth the annual IRS filing).

Reviewed by-laws with suggested revisions to be voted on at the 2024 Annual Meeting