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The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District hosted a meeting of Community Non-Profit Organizations on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together several different groups, including local churches or non-profits, who provide service to our community. Councilmember Jerry Allen attended, along with 19 other volunteers, directors, counselors or pastors from various organizations.

We discussed the need for better communication among all non-profits in the community. Many of these groups have similar goals, especially when it comes to supporting the many multi-tenant communities we have in Northeast. Our Public Improvement District (PID) has 30 different multi-tenant communities alone. Most of the attendees agreed that if property owners, non-profits, churches and government entities work strategically together, we will make our community a healthier one.

The main topic discussed was how to first identify all of main non-profits already providing service to our community. We also discussed ways to better track and identify needs in our area (where are volunteers needed, how well as a community are we recruiting/utilizing volunteers, etc.). Once we identify these non-profits and the work they are doing, are their ways to partner or share ideas?

One such example is the recent partnership and office-sharing of the Dallas Community Lighthouse (DCL), and the Lake Highlands PID office right here at 9090 Skillman. Ms. Diana Baker is the Executive Director of DCL and her non-profit focuses on after-school programs for at-risk youth. Establishing many campuses in our Northeast apartments is having a very positive impact on our community. The decision to relocate her headquarters into the PID office will help both organizations better serve our community.

PID Executive Director, Ms. Rebecca Range, also provided a brief summary of their current programs, which include a Public Safety Seminar Series (Personal Protection, Self-Defense, Domestic Abuse, etc.) and a new Crime Watch Campaign and Community Block Party launch. They are also working with local groups to develop a Community Maintenance Work Program.

Some simple next steps include the creation of a Lake Highlands Community Non-Profit Points of Contact Roster, which the PID will maintain and post to their website. Additionally, organizations were asked to forward any requirements they see in our communities, which require volunteers or resources. We can then post these on the website as well, and begin to match community volunteers to needs. The group is excited to start linking apartment communities with the right teams....and teams with volunteers.