

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, November 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president, Arnold Martin at 11:30AM.

Board members present were: Arnold Martin, Charles Schmidt, Charles (Chuck) Hosler, Jim Wells, Nell Anne Hunt, Jennifer Davis, Garland Sherrod, Barbara Hull, and John DeMarco. Committee Chairs Pat Andres and Fred Odell were present along with Allen Taylor, Deputy Chief of Area B. Kathrine Pennington, Director of Community Relations for the Las Colinas Association (TLCA) was present along with Rosemary Robbins and Penny Bernardino, residents of University Hills.

Board members not present were: Esther Nachimson, Martin Kahn, Anna Walther, and Don McGee.

Esther Nachimson being absent, Arnold asked John to act as secretary for the meeting.

John noted that the provisional minutes of the September board meeting had been posted to the UH website and asked for any comments or amendments. There being none, John motioned these minutes be approved. Charles seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chuck Hosler presented the UHAOH Balance Sheet and P & L reports as of October 31, 2010. The former showed total assets in the amount of \$27,571 with \$3,480 as a balance in the checking account. The P&L showed a negative net income YTD of \$479. Chuck advised that this figure is somewhat misleading and that we can be assured there are sufficient funds to cover normal expenses over the next two months. John motioned to approve these financial reports. Charles seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John asked about the status of the payment for Bank of the West ad in the 2010 UH Directory. Arnold advised that an invoice had been delivered to BOTW but inadvertently he had neglected to collect the check.

Chuck advised that CD#1 had been rolled-over at BOTW for another 11 months. With interest earned in the prior period, the principal amount was now about \$15,750.

Nell Anne passed out a Real Estate Market Report for UH. She added that a correction needs to be made on page 2 with the sale price being about \$290,00 - 300,000 instead of the \$29,100 shown.

Jim remarked that the 2011 UH Directory Campaign will be commenced in about 60 days with the letter to residents about membership dues. One outstanding matter is the recruitment of a volunteer for the position of Ad/Sponsorship Coordinator. This task involves a good deal of responsibility so it's not too early to start the talent search.

John added that the Directory Campaign could benefit from someone to edit the textual section in the UH Directory. This section had not been updated for several years. Jen Davis came forth to volunteer for this task.

Jim presented the results of the Activity Survey conducted via an email he had sent around to UH residents recently. There were 96 responses received from about 420 residences with an email address. Jim noted that the Spring Fling and the Deck the Hills events were supported by over 70 % of the responders. A similar level of interest was expressed in observing National Night Out. Other proposed activities received lesser levels of interest.

Jim suggested that any new activity for the association be required to meet the criteria; (1) low or no cost and (2) committed volunteers. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Jim pursue the Special Interest Groups proposal. UHAOH will act only as an initial facilitator with no monetary support. Pat Andres added that the Las Colinas Women's Association has some special interest groups that might serve as a model.

The possibility of combining the Annual General Meeting with a self-paid dinner at the Las Colinas Country Club was deemed to be worthy of further consideration.

Jim proposed that the Deputy Chiefs take responsibility for organizing an observance of NNO. Because Anna Walther was not present at the meeting, Jim will send an email to her to solicit her thoughts on this matter.

Jim will present a summary of the Activity Survey responses at the AGM.

John asked about arrangements for publicizing the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. Arnold agreed to use Call Posting to send a telephone reminder to every residence in UH. In addition, an email notice will be sent by Jim with an outline of the meeting program. Arnold will get together with Jim on Wednesday to spell out the details for this important communication.

Charles advised that there were 8 residents in UH who qualified this year to receive the prestigious 40 Year Home of Distinction Award. The special yard marker signifying this award will be presented to those 8 homeowners at the AGM.

Charles noted that two new Green Neighbors had been qualified as an outcome of the President's Letter. However, this will not change the participation rate in UH very much from the 15 % or so already attained.

In response to a question from Arnold about any developments in the Farine School connection, Chuck advised that the plan was still to have the Farine School Principal and the President of the Farine PTO come to a UHAOH meeting. The logistics had not been worked out as yet, however. Charles asked if there is any chance they might come to the AGM to speak for a few minutes. Chuck will look into this.

Arnold acknowledged the presence of Rosemary Robbins and Penny Bernardino and thanked them for participating in the discussions today and for their continuing interest in UHAOH activities and programs.

Barbara Hull advised that arrangements for the Deck the Hills event are proceeding fairly well. She will need some volunteers to help with the refreshments. Jen Davis reaffirmed her offer to assist.

A postal card announcing the time and date of event to be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 will be sent to all residents of UH.

Barbara mentioned that the lighting displays are to be sited higher up on the hill this year to give them more prominence. She also noted that Leo would like some help in setting up the stage and lighting. Any assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

John reported that Sherron Abernethy, long serving Block Captain in Area C, has tendered her resignation. She and her family are moving to the Hill Country.

John asked Arnold about the lack of notice to the board from the Nominating Committee prior to its promulgation of a slate of candidates for election to the board of directors.

Kathrine Pennington thanked everyone who came to TLCA's Annual Meeting and to the Special Event honoring Mr. Heinz Simon. She reported that the dredging at Pea Patch Lake was completed and its water level was back to normal. The fountain in Pea Patch Lake will be operating by the end of this week and the area will then be returned to its former pristine state.

In addition TLCA Common Areas staff are busy with the planting of fall flowers and the replacement of sidewalks.

Arnold thanked Kathrine for all her efforts on behalf of UHAOH including the lovely postal card she designed for our Deck the Hills event.

Pat Andres advised that the Yard of the Month for November has been awarded to 608 Sonora Court (Oscar and Rosemarie Rene). Because of the inclement weather today, the photo op is scheduled for Thursday at 2:00 PM.

The next meeting of the UHAOH board of directors will be on Tuesday, December 2nd at 11:30 AM at the Las Colinas Country Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

John DeMarco on behalf of Esther Nachimson, Secretary