

# UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

JUNE 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president, Arnold Martin at 11:31 AM.

Board members present were: Arnold Martin, Charles Schmidt, Charles Hosler, Esther Nachimson, Jim Wells, Martin Kahn, Barbara Hull, John De Marco, Anna Walther and Al Taylor. Board Members absent were: Garland Sherrod, Nell Anne Hunt, Don McGee and Jennifer Davis. Also present was TLCA representative, Katherine Pennington.

Committee Chairs present were: Pat Andres. Not present were Fred Odell and Margeaux Black.

Katherine Pennington presented her report before the meeting was called to order, as she was unable to stay for the meeting. She reported dredging on Pea Patch Lake will begin in August. She asked that everyone put on their calendar the very special annual meeting of TLCA on Monday, October 4 at 4:00 PM. The location is to be announced at a later date. She stressed that this will be an extra special meeting with refreshments and TLCA is hoping for a large turnout.

Arnold said he had not been completely successful emailing the agenda, but will try to get the kinks worked out next month. As there were no changes to the minutes posted on the net, he asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes. Charles Schmidt motioned that the minutes from the May meeting be approved as posted on the net. John De Marco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Wells reported that there had been a very good response concerning the real estate data posted on the net regarding the Dallas County tax assessments—over 120 persons had inquired about and/or used the available resources and had reasonable success in lowering the assessments on their property.

The new garbage pickup will not go into effect in the near future. Although the good majority of people in University Hills did not want the garbage cans, it was felt that it will probably be a matter of time before the program is implemented.

Esther motioned that the board thank Jim Wells for all of the exceptional time and hard work puts forth for UHAOH. Al Taylor seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The treasurer, Charles Hosler, passed out copies of the monthly report. He stated our membership numbers are down from the same time last year. He forecast a \$3,700 shortfall in revenue from memberships. The annual grant from the city of Irving has been reduced to \$499.72 this year. Fortunately, with the financial reserves we have in place, the association will be able to fund all events for this fiscal year.

A discussion followed about obtaining a list of the people who paid last year and who have not paid this year. After a brisk discussion on how these lists could be generated, Jim Wells suggested that we plan to do it correctly next year.

Charles Schmidt located a sign topper he hoped could be installed on the median by Pea Patch Pond to delineate the UH boundary on Northgate when approaching from the East. Arnold noted that he had one sign (not 5) in his possession and suggested that Robby with the City of Irving be contacted to see if arrangements could be made to erect it.

Pat Andres stated that she would like to see more large flags on display for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Charles Schmidt suggested as it was again time to push for the Green Neighbor program, it would be a great opportunity to combine the three events of the Boy Scout Flag Program, the Green Neighbor and Great Flag Caper letter in one mailing.

Charles suggested that it was too late this year to consider our association to procure the large flags to display at the major entrances into UH, this would be a good subject to bring up at our annual meeting in November. Martin Kahn was asked to contact Scott Wilson of TLCA about the cost of a University Hills monument.

Barbara Hull announced that she is getting new, lighted reindeer for the Festival of Lights display and has purchased 11 lighted tree wraps for next year. She has been able to trim expenses as the new lights are much less time intensive to install and do not need to be checked for burned out lights.

John DeMarco reported for Nell Anne. The Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pot-Luck Supper will be at Nell Anne's home on Hidalgo on Friday, July 2, at 6:00. It's an event not to be missed. Arnold described it as "a very happy occasion."

Pat motioned that beginning next January, we institute, along with the monthly Yard of the Month, a new designation of Yard of the Year. Charles Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Immediately following adjournment, the board was invited for a photo op at the Yard of the Month home of Michael Murphy at 306 Rochelle.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6, at 11:30 A.M. For those wishing to eat, please come at 11:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Nachimson

Secretary