

# UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS

## YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

The UHAOH general meeting was held in the ballroom of the Las Colinas Country Club. Leo Hall presided as master of ceremonies. It was the intention of the board to change the timbre of this yearly meeting to attract more of our homeowners as attendance had been in a state of decline. A quorum had barely been achieved to elect officers the last few years. This year we had more than 75 homeowners present.

Board members present were :Arnold Martin, Charles Schmidt, Esther Nachimson, Jim Wells, Martin Kahn, Nell Anne Hunt, Barbara Hull, Anna Walther and Fred Odell. Also present were Pat Andres and TLCA representative, Kathrine Pennington. Board members not present were Charles Hosler, Garland Sherrod, and Don McGee.

There was a liquid refreshment cash bar starting at 6:00 P.M. followed by a delicious buffet at 6:30.

Promptly, at 7:00, Leo Hull thanked everyone for coming and introduced Rick Bidne, TLCA president, who updated the residents of the accomplishments this past year and plans of the organization for the coming year. He pointed out that Irving had been in the top 50 places to live in the United States and enjoyed low crime rate. He credited the Irving Police Department for it's increased presence on Las Colinas streets for keeping us safer. He reminded us that in case of an emergency, we should call the IPD and not the Las Colinas Patrol.

DART is opening the new line into Las Colinas in July. The Convention Center opened this year and has been a huge success.

TLCA has been successful in getting legislation passed to enable them to be proactive in code enforcement concerning the collection of dues and in extreme instances, foreclosing on homes that have been abandoned and left in disarray. These things affect the quality of life in Las Colinas.

Mr. Bidne was happy to report several new construction projects for the near future. Although the ratio of residential to commercial property is off kilter, he stressed that TLCA would be working within the monies they receive, without a hike in property owners' yearly assessments .

He stated information concerning the progress of the entertainment center would be forthcoming at a meeting on Thursday.

Because of the climate this past year and our water shortage, the planting of flowers is being planned to include more drought-friendly bushes and flowers.

University Hills residents, Steven Jones and Gail Wells, who were recently elected to the IISD, each spoke, not as trustees, but as citizens about the state of our schools, as they see them. Dr. Jones stated his emphasis was to bring all the schools in Irving up to an "exemplary" status using the model of Irving's only exemplary school, John Haley, which is in the lowest economic part of the city.

Gail Wells, CPA, pointed out several instances where she felt the outlay schools funds could have been used more prudently, considering the deep cuts to the budget by the 87<sup>th</sup> legislature. The good news is that IISD has an excellent bond rating and a healthy fund balance.

Nell Anne Hunt addressed the assembly on the history of education in Las Colinas and learned through a recent survey that many felt the available school choices were not good enough. A committee has been formed and plans

are in the pipeline to acquire property to develop a charter school based on the North Hills model which is part of Uplift Education. Being a charter school, it is only 80% funded by the state. Other monies, around \$500,000 per year for the first five years, need to come from private donations. A new school using the North Hills model was recently opened in south Irving, but it can qualify for federal funds because of it's location.

Dr. Olenick, of the University of Dallas, was recognized for his leadership in presenting the highly successful UHAOH Stargazing event in Wingren Park.

Anna Webb was applauded for her reworking of the UHAOH website.

Barbara Hull asked for volunteers for our upcoming Festival of Lights on the first Monday after Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Charles Schmidt named the UHAOH homeowners who qualified for the Home of Distinction plaques for the exceptional care of their property. This award is designed for homes over 40 years of age and in order to receive it, one must be a paid member of UHAOH.

58 of 139 (39% of eligible homes) qualified for this award. They were:

1. Robert Webster, 3113 Coronado
2. Brian and Chris Corran, 3111 E. Cortez
3. John Glover, 3114 E. Cortez
4. Curtis and Majorie Powell, 200 LaPaz
5. Dough and Shirley Hotchkiss, 3901 Cabeza de Vaca
6. Buzz and Gracia Austin, 218 E. Northgate
7. Edward and Sally Glover, 210 E. Northgate
8. Arnold Martin, 424 E. Northgate
9. H. H. Engler, 3209 Salinas Court
10. Joe Davis, 302 San Mateo
11. John and Lynn York, 209 Santa Clara
12. Bill and Helen Chaplin, 4010 Wingran
13. Linda Lackey, 4102 Wingren

Charles announced, to date, fifteen per cent of UH homes have qualified for the Green Home plaque.

Copies of the minutes of the last general meeting and the treasurer's report were placed on each table at the beginning of the meeting for all to read. Martin Kahn motioned that the minutes be approved as printed. Barbara Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Don Jensen, in the absence of treasurer Charles Hosler, asked that the treasurer's report be accepted. Martin Kahn, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In the absence of nominating committee chair, Don McGee, Charles Schmidt presented the four board members nominated for the next 3 years and asked for nominations from the floor. They were:

1. Esther Nachimson
2. Anna Walther
3. Martin Kahn
4. Jim Wells

There being no nominations from the floor, Harm Schreur motioned that the slate of board members be approved. Harold Nachimson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until November, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Nachimson,

Secretary