

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
NOVEMBER 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Leo Hull who presided as the meeting's master of ceremonies. The time was 6:59 PM.

Board members present: Don McGee, Arnold Martin, Charles Schmidt, Jim Wells, Esther Nachimson, Nell Anne Hunt, Rick Lindsey, Anna Walther, Tom Hopwood, Pat Naylor, and Jennifer Austin.

Leo introduced several honored Guests: Oscar Ward, Irving City Council Member (Place 5), Larry Boyd, Chief of the Irving Police Department, and Victor Conley, Chief of the Irving Fire Department. Each spoke about their civic duties and about their respective connections to University Hills.

Leo introduced Nell Anne Hunt, resident of University Hills (UH) who was elected earlier this year as Trustee (District 2) on the Irving Independent School District's (IISD) Board of Trustees.

Leo introduced Rick Bidne, president of The Las Colinas Association (TLCA), as the featured speaker. Mr. Bidne, in turn, introduced Al Zapanta, chairman of TLCA's Board of Directors. Mr. Zapanta outlined his vision for TLCA and declared his intent to visit with all the HOAs in Las Colinas to become fully informed about their goals and aspirations.

Mr. Bidne recognized Jennifer Austin, resident of University Hills (UH) and a newly elected member of TLCA's Board of Directors.

Kathrine Pennington, another resident of UH associated with TLCA, was recognized by Mr. Bidne for her good work as TLCA's Director of Community Relations.

Mr. Bidne reviewed some of the many recent developments in Las Colinas; more single family homes, Whole Foods Market coming to North MacArthur, other new retail establishments, progress on the Music Factory, Northgate Park, and the new TLCA administration building. The latter is scheduled for completion by year end and will have a community room which will be open to the HOAs and other groups for their use.

Leo brought Nell Anne Hunt to the podium to recognize the presence of Shannon Cole and Nicole Whiteside, Principal and Assistant Principal, respectively, of the Farine Elementary School. Nell Anne then introduced Dr. Jose Parra, Superintendent of Irving Independent School District.

Dr. Parra spoke about the school district and his passion for making it even better by focusing efforts on the needs of the students. Dr. Parra acknowledged the responsibility incumbent upon him and the Board of Trustees for the funds and for the students entrusted to them. Dr. Parra's methodology is simple and direct; his motto is Boots on the Ground. Dr. Parra encouraged offers from residents of UH to volunteer at Irving ISD schools. Shannon Cole at Farine Elementary School is the first person to contact in this matter. Dr. Parra then conducted a Q & A session with members of the audience.

Leo introduced Jorge Bustamante, resident of Las Colinas (CWV) and president of the Friends of Las Colinas Charter Schools (FLCCS), an ad hoc organization. Mr. Bustamante did a presentation on the direct correlation between higher school rankings and higher residential property values. Jorge suggested these benefits might be attained in Las Colinas through a more liberal interpretation of the welfare goal of TLCA's organizational objectives. According to Mr. Bustamante, an allocation of \$500,000 for charter school funding in TLCA's annual budget of \$ 8 million, would be sufficient to

achieve this new paradigm. Interest in this proposal was evident. Mr. Jim Wells is designated as the contact person for residents of UH who wish to learn more about this cause.

Leo introduced Rick Lindsey, a member of UHAOH's Board of Directors. Mr. Lindsey presented the Strategic Business Plan for UHAOH high-lighting items within the Vision, Mission, Values, and Goals of the organization as adopted by the board. Rick also noted the various sources of income and expenditures that the board oversees in the operation of UHAOH. He stated that these programs could be expanded, if dues collections and directory advertising were increased. In closing, Rick made a call to arms for all UH residents who are interested in helping UHAOH to achieve these laudable goals.

Leo directed attention to the next special event for UH residents; the annual Deck the Hills lighting ceremony. It will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at Pea Patch Lake. Everyone is invited. Santa Claus, the Farine School Choir, the Blessed Family, the Magi, animals, hot cocoa, and some new lighting displays will be there for all to see.

Leo addressed the formal aspects of this Annual Meeting of the Members of UHAOH. A quorum was established and copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were available at the Registration Table. These have been endorsed by the UHAOH Board of Directors and recommended for approval by the members. The members so approved.

Leo asked Don McGee, past president of UHAOH and current Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to come forward to conduct the election of directors.

Before commencing the election, Mr. McGee requested everyone to recognize Esther Nachimson who is retiring from the UHAOH board. Over a period of 20 + years Esther has been a secretary and board member of UHAOH as well as an untiring advocate for many causes and programs important to the well-being of UH residents. Her devotion and service are greatly appreciated. Esther received a standing ovation from the members for her dedication to our community.

Don McGee explained that the UHAOH board is comprised of 12 directors structured into three classes each with a 3-year term of office. Four directorships are being elected at this time. The candidates nominated are; Jim Wells, Kathrine Pennington, Eva Klassen, and John DeMarco. Don asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Don asked for a vote of approval by acclamation on the candidates as nominated. All candidates were duly elected.

Leo thanked Don for these efforts and the proceeded to close the meeting, but not before requesting each attendee to introduce himself or herself to three other residents of UH and reminding everyone to come back next year. The time was 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco on behalf of Esther Nachimson, Secretary.

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