

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by the president, Charles Schmidt.

Board members present: Anna Walther, Jim Wells, Arnold Martin, Don McGee, Kathrine Pennington, Nell Anne Hunt, Pat Naylor, Rick Lindsey, and John DeMarco.

Board Members absent: Gail Wells, Eva Klassen, Tom Hopwood, and Steve Schreur.

Others present: Claudia Bracero, resident of Alto Vista.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the April meeting. Arnold Martin motioned the minutes be approved as presented. Rick Lindsey seconded and the motion passed.

On behalf of Gail Wells, Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2015. Total Assets are \$36,333 and the Net Income is \$9,334. Jim noted that Membership Dues receipts are ahead of last year. However, expenses are increased and UHAOH will not be receiving the \$400 contribution from TLCA for Spring Fling. Rick Lindsey motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kathrine Pennington seconded and the motion passed.

Respecting Directory Ad sales Jim Wells advised a total of \$4,200 had been paid in full. Charles Schmidt asked Jim for a detailed invoice of directory printing expenses for purposes of the City of Irving Neighborhood Grant application.

Rick Lindsey reported all arrangements were a go for the Spring Fling. The possibility of a cancellation or postponement was discussed with the vendors. Final decision will be made on Friday, May 8. Rick mentioned that he's working to obtain an IPD Police Car and Police Officer at the Spring Fling in addition to the IFD Fire Truck from Station # 8.

With the Sales Tax exemption still in Limbo, Rick was doubtful any exemption could be obtained for Spring Fling purchases. Anna Walther remarked that Sales Tax remittances are made quarterly hence a chance may still exist.

In accordance with the request made by Charles Schmidt at the April meeting, responsible parties for the 10 Strategic Goals made their reports:

Jim Wells (Education) summarized the extensive efforts he has made over the past year or so. However, these have not met with any success. Consequently, Jim withdraws from this post.

Rick Lindsey (Safety & Security) reported on several developments and expressed support of a National Night Out event for UH in October. Kathrine Pennington added that Penny Hayter, TLCA's Director of Security Services, is compiling information for residents to track and report crime to IPD.

Anna Walther (Neighborhood Network) made reference to her proposal to disband the Network of Block Captains and to replace this with a smaller, more select group with specific responsibility for welcoming new residents to University Hills. Jim Wells remarked that a welcoming committee might well be set up without necessarily scraping the Network of Block Captains.

Nell Anne Hunt (UH Neighborhood Pride) reported that activities for the 2015 Great Flag Caper are underway. An order for 17,000 new flags has been placed. Also, TLCA has confirmed they will do their part in planting flags in the common areas of UH.

Arnold Martin made a motion to approve UHAOH's usual contribution (\$1,500) to the Great Flag Caper. Kathrine Pennington seconded the motion. Rick Lindsey proposed that the voting be done by writing YES or NO on slips of paper. The motion passed.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Realtor's Report on recent market activity in University Hills. Currently only 4 homes are listed for sale in UH.

Charles Schmidt related that he and Rick Lindsey met last week with two representatives of Alto Vista to explore an amalgamation with the residents of Alto Vista. Charles called upon Claudia Bracero to speak.

Claudia Bracero, a homeowner in Alto Vista since June 2014, went on to state that they appreciated all the information provided by Charles and Rick about the UH association of homeowners, its purpose, and its activities. As a direct outcome of the meeting Claudia delivered a letter to each resident of Alto Vista to advise them of the opportunity to join UHAOH. Also included was an invitation to attend UHAOH's Spring Fling.

Arnold Martin spoke about how University Hills itself was an amalgamation of four sectors and suggested that the residents of Alto Vista be given a 2015 UH Residential Directory.

During discussions with the Alto Vista representatives, a question arose about the \$50 annual dues that currently apply for UHAOH membership. Rick Lindsey made a motion to affirm the \$50 will apply on a non pro rata basis for new members same as it does for current UHAOH members. Arnold Martin seconded the motion. After further discussion, a motion to table the motion was made and it passed.

Kathrine Pennington announced that TLCA has inaugurated its new website: www.lascalinas.org. Also, TLCA will be dispatching the annual assessments shortly. The rate is the same as in prior years and the valuations are based upon the DCAD property appraisals for year 2014.

Kathrine Pennington also distributed copies of the Las Colinas Association's Annual Report dated December 31, 2014. Everyone agreed this is an excellent report.

In response to a question, Charles Schmidt confirmed that the resignation of Jennifer Austin from the UHAOH Board of Directors has been accepted. The resignation was sent by Jennifer to board members via an email dated April 9, 2015.

Charles Schmidt advised that there were some outstanding questions about the need for UHAOH to file an annual return with the IRS. Charles will continue to pursue this with his contacts at the City of Irving.

Jim Wells commented that the Masters of Taxation firm had not responded as yet to our request for them to pursue a Sales Tax Exemption for UHAOH.

Nell Anne Hunt noted recent Irving ISD events including the Volunteer Appreciation Meeting held at Farine Elementary School, Dr. Richard Olenick's Star Gazings conducted at the Farine and the T.J. Lee Elementary Schools, and the Irving School Foundation's annual Breakfast with the Stars.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed an editorial dated April 27, 2015, appearing in the Dallas Morning News entitled "Fracking and Earthquakes". The editorial high-lighted two recent studies in which a link between seismic activity and injection wells was concluded. Also, Nell Anne reported on her discussions with Oscar Ward, Irving City Council member for District 5. It would appear that the City of Irving is awaiting developments at the state level and not taking a pro-active position with respect to the considerable earthquake activity being experienced in Irving.

Nell Anne Hunt made a motion for the UHAOH Board of Directors to formally express concerns to the Irving City Council about earthquake activity and its effect upon the safety of Irving citizens, homes, and infrastructure and to recommend that the City engage a scientific earthquake expert beholden only to the City of Irving as well as to take other measures to ameliorate the situation. Arnold Martin seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

It being 1:02 PM Rick Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Naylor seconded and the motion passed.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on June 2, 2015; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco, Recording Secretary
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