

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 A.M. by the president, Charles Schmidt.

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

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

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the July meeting. These minutes had been circulated earlier by email. Arnold Martin motioned the minutes be approved. Rick Lindsey seconded and the motion passed.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2015. Total Assets are \$29,751 and the Net Income is \$2,752. Jim noted that the Neighborhood Grant from the City of Irving was received and included in the income figures. Although the YTD Net Income amount increased from that reported last month, Jim advised that the expenses for upcoming events, i.e., Adult Mixer, National Night Out, Annual Meeting, and Celebration of Lights will turn the Net Income figure negative by year end.

Comments were made about running an "unbalanced" budget and about the appropriate amount to target for the UHAOH reserve fund. Charles Schmidt directed this topic be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Rick Lindsey motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. John DeMarco seconded and the motion passed.

Rick Lindsey reported on the status of preparations for the Adult Mixer to be held later this evening at the Las Colinas Country Club. Rick acknowledged the outstanding work done by Kathrine Pennington in making arrangements and in promoting the event to residents of University Hills and Alto Vista. The efforts of Tom and Jan Hopwood as well as Arnold Martin were recognized, too.

Kathrine Pennington distributed a roster of attendees for the Adult Mixer totaling 123 persons. Rick added that the talents of Sydney Stallings, pianist, have been secured for the event. Total cost for the Adult Mixer is now estimated at \$1,600.

Charles Schmidt advised that the City of Irving requested applications for next year's Neighborhood Grant be submitted shortly. Charles noted that the UH Residential Directory has been our designated Grant project for the past few years. After several other possibilities were identified and discussed, Rick Lindsey made a motion to continue with the Directory as the featured project for the Grant application. Arnold Martin seconded and the motion passed.

Rick Lindsey reported on the status of preparations for National Night Out. A detailed outline of the activities for this event was distributed. Rick asked everyone to take note of their assigned tasks. Flag Pole Hill is the venue for this event.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed Real Estate Market Reports covering activities in both UH and Alto Vista. Currently there are 4 and 2 homes, respectively, listed for sale in University Hills and Alto Vista.

Nell Anne Hunt mentioned that Lisa Hill has been appointed Principal of the Albert E. Farine Elementary School replacing Dr. Shannon Cole. Lisa Hill and her husband Mike Hill are invited to the Adult Mixer.

Charles Schmidt called upon Pat Naylor for his guidance in establishing formal arrangements vis-à-vis the amalgamation of UHAOH with Alto Vista. (At the last meeting it was announced that the over-whelming majority of residents of Alto Vista had voted to join UHAOH.) Pat Naylor proposed the most effective and appropriate means to this end would be an amendment to the Bylaws of UHAOH allowing residents of Alto Vista to become members of UHAOH.

Among other aspects attending to the amalgamation, there was discussion about the annual membership dues for Alto Vista residents for year 2015. (UHAOH dues are not pro-rated.) Because the arrangement will not become effective until late this year, the consensus was that membership dues for Alto Vista members of UHAOH should apply with the start of year 2016.

Arnold Martin made a motion, subject to the amendment of the bylaws being developed by Pat Naylor, to open the membership to any person owning or leasing a residence in the area encompassing Alto Vista. Nell Anne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Charles Schmidt referred to his request made at the last meeting for topics to incorporate in the informational part of the Annual General Meeting. Several ideas and themes were brought forth and considered. After much discussion, the consensus was to feature four speakers; Rick Bidne, President and CEO of the Las Colinas Association, Chris Hillman, Manager of the City of Irving and resident of Alto Vista, Nell Anne Hunt, member Irving Independent School District's Board of Trustees (District 2), and Rick Lindsey, member UHAOH Board of Directors.

As to the Annual General Meeting's format, Eva Klassen suggested that the four speakers be arrayed in a panel after their formal remarks to take questions from the audience. All agreed this might well attract much larger attendance by UHAOH members than experienced at AGMs in the recent past.

Kathrine Pennington advised that work on the planned improvements to Northgate Park has been restarted. A new retaining wall will be built to replace the one that collapsed because of the record rainfall in May.

Kathrine Pennington reported that the Las Colinas Association will publish a monthly e-Newsletter starting November. New developments are occurring in Las Colinas so frequently that it is difficult to keep everyone informed in a timely manner through the quarterly publication, "Spirit of Las Colinas".

Kathrine Pennington conveyed an alert from Scott Wilson, Director of LCA's Common Property and Parks Department: Because of the lack of any rainfall over the past month daytime watering of all common areas will be commenced immediately.

Eva Klassen mentioned that she was intensifying her communication activities about University Hills on Twitter and Facebook and kindly requested any "good news" items pertaining to UH be forwarded to her for onward dissemination in those two social media.

Jim Wells advised that no response was received to the broadcast email sent out seeking a Treasurer. Instead, Jim proposes he assume the role of Treasurer. Duties Jim currently performs as Communications Director would be doled out to several individuals. These duties encompass 4 areas; (i) Web Master for the UH website, (ii) Neighborhood Residential Directory production and solicitation of advertising, (iii) Annual Membership Drive, and (iv) Message Board for general inquiries and requests from the UH community.

Separately it was learned from Tom Hopwood that 505 San Juan Court (Fran and Dale Morgan) was awarded the Yard of the Month for August.

It being 1:00 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 September 1, 2015; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,
John DeMarco, Recording Secretary

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