

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 2, 2016

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

Other board members present: Anna Walther, Charles Schmidt, Terri Roan, Eva Klassen, Nell Anne Hunt, Claudia Bracero, Suzannah Cronenwett, Rick Lindsey, and John DeMarco.

Board members absent: Jim Wells, Kathrine Pennington, and Pat Naylor.

Others in attendance: Arnold Martin, past president of UHAOH.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the July meeting. Rick Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Terri Roan seconded and the motion was carried.

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Jim Wells for the YTD period ending July 31, 2016, was distributed to Board Members by email prior to the meeting. Total Assets are \$ 30,105 and Net Income is \$ 7,086.

John DeMarco added that, according to Jim, 261 members had remitted their dues so far this year. This compares to 277 members at the same time last year. In effort to discern a cause for this reduction Tom Hopwood asked Terri Roan to research the number of home sales transactions for the period since January 2015. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Anna Walther seconded and the motion was carried.

Charles Schmidt reported on the Summer Mixer/Open House held on July 19, 2016, at the Four Seasons Sports Club. Turnout was somewhat disappointing (ca. 45-50) compared to last year's Summer Mixer held at the LCCC. The event was well done by the Sports Club with fine food and beverages served. Also, the extensive health and fitness facilities are all first class. For those who may not have been able to attend, the time to obtain the special discount for UH and AV residents has been extended until August 15, 2016.

Rick Lindsey reported on the status of the National Night Out which will be held on October 4, 2016. As yet his attempts to contact Ms. Lodi Khattar, presumptive event Chair, have not been successful. Rick has gone ahead to register the event with the City of Irving. Once again, Claudia Bracero graciously offered to organize the children's Bicycle Parade which was one of the highlights of last year's NNO.

Rick Lindsey related his recent experiences with un-controlled dogs in the Rochelle Park area, e.g. dogs running about without a leash and dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior. Discussion ensued and it was apparent these are not isolated incidents. Tom Hopwood encouraged board members to bring such occurrences to the attention of authorities at the City of Irving and at the Las Colinas Association, preferably with full documentation of the incident.

Kathrine Pennington's report on the status of arrangements for the Annual General Meeting was distributed. Terri Roan advised that the contract terms with the Las Colinas Country Club have been concluded. The cost of the dinner is \$17 per person. A Cash Bar will be available and some entertainment may be provided. The consensus was to ask members to pay the full cost of the dinner (not a voluntary contribution as was done in prior years). Members will have the option to attend the AGM without partaking of the meal service. Leo Hull will be asked to MC and Messrs. Bidne and Hillman will be invited to speak.

Anna Walther requested everyone to send photos to Wolfgang so that these might be displayed at the UH website and/or at the Annual General Meeting itself. Several suggestions were made to increase the participation of attendees, e.g. distribute the seating of board members to tables around the room and challenge each table with a local knowledge quiz using little known facts about UH, Las Colinas, and the City of Irving.

Tom Hopwood reaffirmed the date for the Deck the Hills event as Tuesday, November 29, 2016, and for the Spring Fling event as Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Respecting the activities of the new Welcoming Committee, Anna Walther recounted her recent experience in meeting their new neighbors at 2900 Coronado. Anna remarked that there is a need for a Q & A handout for new residents beyond the scope of the twelve FAQ's listed in the Neighborhood Residential Directory. She and the other committee members will endeavor to create such a document.

Respecting the Volunteer Opportunities Committee, Anna Walther reported that all the job descriptions she received were now in the hands of the committee members (Claudia Bracero, Suzannah Cronenwett, and Eva Klassen). Efforts in earnest will commence once school starts with the target completion date prior to the Annual General Meeting in November.

Respecting the realignment of board member duties and responsibilities, Eva Klassen noted that there are two separate functions within the ambit of the current Communications Director's position; Communications and Directory Publisher. Eva remarked that she is comfortable in performing the role of Communications Director but asked that someone else take on the responsibility of the Directory Publisher. Discussion ensued with consensus that a search be under-taken for someone in UH with the requisite skills in this area.

On behalf of Jim Wells, John DeMarco noted that the City of Irving Council meeting to be held on Thursday, August 4, 2016, will consider the new hydraulic Rubbish Collection system. Although it is proposed only for new residential areas, it's inevitable that once introduced all areas of the city will be included. Jim urges anyone who has an objection to the proposed rubbish bins attend this meeting as well as voice their opposition to members of the City Council.

Tom Hopwood asked about plans to hold one or more board meetings in the evening. Anna Walther informed the meeting that HOA board meetings are required to be held in a public place, i.e. not a private house. The consensus was that there is no pressing need for an evening board of directors meeting at this time.

A question arose about the board members whose terms will expire at the end of this year. Subsequent to the meeting John DeMarco distributed the Nominating Committee's report which was adopted at the last AGM. The members of each of the three classes are listed therein.

Charles Schmidt reported on his discussions with Mr. John Wilcox, UH resident and attorney, respecting the IRS application to obtain tax-exempt status for UHAOH. Charles is compiling a list of the charitable activities undertaken by UHAOH for review by Mr. Wilcox. Charles also noted that, if UHAOH were tax-exempt, then a preferred (lower) rate would apply to UHAOH mailings.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Realtors Reports dated July 31st. There are 8 homes currently listed for sale in University Hills. On average, the asking price for these homes is \$128/sq. ft.

Tom Hopwood announced # 4022 Wingren (Bucky & Mitzi Woy) was awarded Yard of the Month for August.

Charles Schmidt circulated the application for the City of Irving's Neighborhood Grant program for year 2017 as it requires ten signatures from members and/or officers of the HOA applying.

Tom Hopwood reported on his recent discussions with Jennifer Austin and Phil Ochsner, TLCA's Management Staff Director and Architectural Control Director, respectively. They apologized for the delays experienced by residents with their applications to the Architectural Control Committee and are confident that future applications will proceed promptly. A letter summarizing these discussions will be forthcoming from Jennifer Austin.

In response to a question about the outlook for the Block Captain Network, Anna Walther stated the some new staff have come on board hence she's feeling much more sanguine about it's future.

It being 1:08 PM, and with no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Walther seconded and the motion was carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco, Recording Secretary
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