

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 A.M. by the president, Tom Hopwood.

Other board members present: Kathrine Pennington, Anna Walther, Charles Schmidt, Jim Wells, Nell Anne Hunt, Claudia Bracero, Suzannah Cronenwett, and John DeMarco.

Board members absent: Rick Lindsey, Terri Roan, Eva Klassen, and Pat Naylor.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the August meeting. Anna Walther noted an incorrect address in the provisional minutes earlier distributed by email. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Anna Walther seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the YTD period ending August 31, 2016. Total Assets are \$ 29,856 and Net Income is \$ 6,837. Jim added that 262 members have paid dues for 2016 so far. This compares with the 277 dues-paying members for all of 2015. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. John DeMarco seconded and the motion was carried.

Tom Hopwood informed the meeting that Rick Lindsey was in hospital and in his stead Tom will report on the status of National Night Out. Rick fully expects to reprise his role as Chair of this event. Issuance of the invitations to public figures and other dignitaries is in progress. Volunteers will be needed for set-up and take-down, coordination of activities, food, reception, etc. Kathrine Pennington has designed another splendid postal card to announce the event to residents.

Respecting the recent Summer Mixer/Open House held at the Four Seasons Sports Club, Charles Schmidt reported that he has not been informed by the Sports Club of any new membership enrollments that were secured as an outcome of this event.

Kathrine Pennington reported on the status of arrangements for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Messrs. Rick Bidne and Chris Hillman are confirmed as featured speakers. Leo Hull once again will serve as MC for the evening. And, while ever mindful of the budget constraints, Kathrine will endeavor to secure an instrumental trio for some light entertainment.

With respect to the business segment of the AGM program, Jim Wells will prepare a Treasurer's Report and John DeMarco will issue the minutes of last year's AGM, both of which require formal approval by the members. In addition, the election of Directors will be held. Apropos this election, Tom Hopwood will request the Nominating Committee members to attend the October monthly meeting to facilitate an open exchange of ideas about candidates for nomination as directors.

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 New Residents Welcoming Committee, Anna Walther advised that the committee's report will be presented at the monthly board meeting in November.

Anna Walther reported that efforts are underway at the Volunteer Opportunities Committee whose purpose is to recruit volunteers and to ensure the best placement of volunteers within the activities and programs undertaken by UHAOH. Suzannah Cronenwett affirmed the committee's immediate goal: To report conclusions and recommendations to the board members at the November monthly meeting. A formal presentation will then be made at the Annual General Meeting.

Jim Wells responded to a query about the frequency of updates to the residential address listing that is maintained by the Las Colinas Association. Previously TLCA has been most accommodating in furnishing us with updates. However, the timeliness of TLCA's response to our requests has diminished over the years to such an extent that presently we are limited to one update per annum.

Tom Hopwood initiated a discussion about the realignment of duties for the UHAOH Director of Communications. At last month's meeting Eva Klassen stated her willingness to fulfill the communications role. Eva requested, however, that the role of Directory Publisher be made separate and that someone else be tasked with those duties.

Jim Wells noted that several encouraging developments occurred in the production of the 2016 residential directory, viz. Terri Roan assuming responsibility for directory ad sales, Charles Schmidt and Kathrine Pennington taking charge of directory text updates, and Wolfgang Walther using his talents for directory format and design. If these assignments were carried forward into the production of the 2017 Directory, then the load on the Directory Publisher would be eased significantly.

Tom Hopwood asked about the need for someone with specialized skills for the management and operation of the directory computer programs and the collation of data. Jim Wells stated that he would be willing to continue his work in this specific area. With these various aspects of the directory publication covered, Jim opined that our requirement simply becomes someone at director level to provide overall direction and coordination, i.e. a Directory Czar. Tom Hopwood suggested this topic be discussed at the next meeting and asked that the Volunteer Opportunities Committee include all the directory jobs in their catalogue.

Jim Wells provided an update on the proposal by the City of Irving's Solid Waste Services Department to install a hydraulic system for rubbish can collections in an email dated August 29th. Jim added that, although no change to the bag collection system appears to be forthcoming, this is not a certainty until the COI budget for 2016-2017 is formally adopted at the Council meeting on September 22nd. In other words, the price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

Tom Hopwood referred to the two wild animal traps procured by UHAOH from Trapper Tom which actions were related in an email sent on August 31st. Tom added that this was the right thing to do to allay the concerns voiced by many residents.

Respecting the discussion at the last meeting about uncontrolled dogs in the Rochelle Park area, Tom Hopwood confirmed his plan to meet with representatives of the City of Irving and the Las Colinas Association to discuss means of ameliorating the situation. In this connection, Tom is seeking to compile a portfolio of incident reports with full details and will welcome any such reports that can be provided.

Charles Schmidt reported on his latest discussions with Mr. John Wilcox, UH resident and attorney, respecting the IRS application to obtain tax-exempt status for UHAOH. After his review, Mr. Wilcox is not at all optimistic and expects an application for 501c3 status would be rejected. Instead Mr. Wilcox recommends we apply for 501c4 status. However, this requires some further review.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Realtors Reports dated September 4th. There are 6 homes currently listed for sale in University Hill (none in Alto Vista). Nell Anne remarked that the average sales price of \$118/sq.ft. realized in UH over the last six months was the highest she's ever seen in UH.

Nell Anne Hunt reminded everyone about the Tax Recertification Election being held by Irving ISD. Voting will close on Saturday, September 10.

Tom Hopwood announced # 513 Rochelle Blvd. (Joseph and Marietta Pica) was awarded Yard of the Month for September.

Respecting recent discussions with TLCA's Management Staff Director and Architectural Control Director, Jennifer Austin and Phil Ochsner, respectively, Tom Hopwood reported that the issue of the letter clarifying Architectural Control Committee procedures has been delayed.

With due regard to the current confinement of Rick Lindsey to the hospital, Suzannah Cronenwett made a motion to gift Rick with a plant as well as to express our sincere get well wishes. Nell Anne Hunt seconded the motion and the motion was carried. Tom Hopwood will personally deliver the plant and convey our well wishes.

It being 12:58 PM, and with no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion was carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco, Recording Secretary
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