

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 2, 2017

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

Other board members present: Charles Schmidt, Kathrine Pennington, Anna Walther, Jim Wells, Terri Roan, Eva Klassen, Rick Lindsey, Claudia Bracero, Nell Anne Hunt, Kavin Schieferdecker, and John DeMarco.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the April board of directors meeting. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Terri Roan seconded and the motion carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the YTD period ending April 30, 2017. Total Assets are \$ 40,011 and YTD Net Income is \$ 11,451. Jim noted the amount of Membership Dues receipts is ahead of last year. However, printing and distribution costs for the 2017 Directory are not booked as yet. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the report as presented. John DeMarco seconded and the motion carried.

Terri Roan, Chair of this year's National Night Out event, advised that the NNO date for Texas is Tuesday, October 4, 2017. Other states observe NNO on the first Tuesday in August. She and Rick Lindsey are set to commence preparation efforts in earnest next month.

Anna Walther reported on the Adult Mixer which was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Las Colinas Country Club. About 60 UHAOH members attended. LCCC's hospitality included complimentary beverages, appetizers, and tours of the club's facilities. Subsequent to the event, Ali Canyon, LCCC Membership Director, extended a special, limited-time offer for club membership to UH residents (expiry date May 2).

Nell Anne Hunt added to her report on the Star Gazing event as related by Tom Hopwood at the last meeting. Final cost was \$584 which is within the budgeted amount. Nell Anne noted that Dr. Olenick also reprised the event for several schools in the area, much to the delight of students and their parents.

John DeMarco stated the safe-keeping of UHAOH charter documents, i.e. Bylaws, is incumbent upon the Secretary. Storage in a safe-deposit box at the bank is impractical, however. Suggestion was made to purchase a fire-proof document box for home storage. John will investigate this option and report back.

Kavin Schieferdecker reported on the Membership Drive. The special postal card mailing made in April had a positive effect, well worth its additional expense. Kavin also expressed a concern; although the amount of dues collected this year was similar to last year's, the number of members actually paying dues is lower.

Respecting sales of ads for the 2017 Directory, Kavin Schieferdecker reported that an amount of \$5,100 in ad placement commitments has been garnered. Kavin reviewed several ad sales leads with board members and stated that a final push will be made over the next week or so to bring this campaign to its conclusion.

Discussion continued about other aspects of the directory; publication, format, distribution, privacy, etc. Charles Schmidt remarked that, if directory publication were not accomplished by early July, the City's Neighborhood Grant might be rescinded. Tom Hopwood enjoined everyone to persevere in their continuing support of the Directory Committee. The 2017 Directory will be something about which we all can be proud.

Tom Hopwood referred to “Data Requirements: Notes for Discussion”, a document attached to his email for the Meeting Agenda sent on April 25, 2017. Given the fragmented nature of UHAOH data; different listings by Treasury, Membership, Mailing, Robo-calls, etc., communications between UHAOH and its members are inhibited. Tom requested everyone to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss this issue and to establish a committee to bring about a rationalization of the UHAOH data situation.

Rick Lindsey reviewed the plans for Spring Fling (Saturday, May 13). Assignments for various board members were re-confirmed. Claudia Bracero is coordinating the recruitment of other volunteers using the SignUpGenius program. Anna Walther has secured some Door Prizes from the Las Colinas Country Club. Kathrine Pennington will obtain several Door Prizes from the Irving Symphony Orchestra.

Nell Anne Hunt provided a Realtor’s Report dated May 1, 2017. There are 6 homes currently listed for sale in University Hills. The average listed price equates to \$140/sq.ft. One home is listed for sale in Alto Vista.

Tom Hopwood announced that # 3209 Coronado (Melanie and Steve Hollabaugh) was awarded Yard of the Month for May.

Tom Hopwood mentioned that the parking protocol adopted by the Las Colinas Association and the Irving Police Department for the LPGA tournament held at the LCCC (April 24-30) worked well.

Charles Schmidt advised that we’ll need to commence preparation the application for the next City of Irving Neighborhood Grant program next month..

Charles Schmidt reported on the dilemma currently confronting UHAOH’s application for tax exempt status. One legal advisor firmly states that we have no chance of obtaining either the 501c (4) or 501c (3) status. Another legal advisor opines that our only possibility is 501c (4) status. The opinion of a third legal advisor is pending. Charles proposed that we await this third opinion before proceeding to file the application with IRS.

Respecting the NO FISHING signs recently installed at Pea Patch Lake and at other ponds in UH, Rick Lindsey has observed four violations over the past few weeks.. In addition, one of the signs went missing. Scott Wilson, LCA’s Director of Common Property, has replaced that sign using concrete supports to anchor it.

Rick Lindsey reported that the speeding on Rochelle Boulevard. and on Northgate Drive continues unabated. Current IPD of practice stationing a Motorcycle Officer at one of the intersections on Rochelle from time to time is not working. Rick believes that our only recourse is to make a formal appeal to the new IPD Chief on an individual basis or as a group.

With the time being 1:22 PM, and with no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kavin Schieferdecker seconded and the motion was carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco,  
Recording Secretary  
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