

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 12, 2017

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

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

Others present: Michael Basoco, resident of University Hills.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the August board of directors meeting which were prepared by Anna Walther. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Anna Walther seconded and the motion carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the YTD period ending August 31, 2017. Total Assets are \$ 32,914 and Net Income is \$ 4,354. In a response to a query, Jim advised that all invoices for directory ads had been paid excepting one for \$400. John DeMarco made a motion to approve the report as presented. Charles Schmidt seconded and the motion carried.

Tom Hopwood asked about the cash flow situation over the balance of year 2017. Jim Wells thought that available funds were sufficient to cover anticipated expenses.

Jim Wells reported on the 2017 Curb Numeral Painting which project was completed on September 8, 2017. Expenditure for the curb painting was \$2,500; about 230 homes were done. (In an email exchange dated September 5th, the board approved an increase in the per unit remuneration to \$11.)

In discussions about the project regret was expressed that not more residents had opted into the programs despite several methods being used to communicate its manifold benefits. These included door to door distribution of flyers by the contractor. A suggestion was made to include another curb numeral painting project in the activities and programs for 2018.

Anna Walter introduced Michael Basoco. He and his wife, Kathleen, live on Coronado and have been residents of UH for 4 years. Henceforth, Michael will direct the efforts of the Welcoming Committee, of which he is now Chairman. Anna will transfer all informational materials for new residents that she has amassed over the past year. Michael has a list of 18 new residents to visit.

Eva Klassen advised that the electronic version of the 2017 Residential Directory will be sent out shortly. About 60 residents requested this option. In addition, Eva will send out a notice via NextDoor that a digital version of the Directory is available, if any other residents wish to receive it. This digital version is protected such that its data cannot be down-loaded to another file.

Apropos the directory Anna Walther, distributed two templates developed by Wolfgang Walther for the gathering of resident and volunteer information. One form is down-loadable PDF; the other is inter-active at the UH website. Various suggestions were made. The necessity of obtaining residents explicit permission to post their information in the directory was re-iterated. Another requisite is that residents explicitly state how they wish their names to appear. As Director of Communications, Eva Klassen confirmed that she is the ultimate recipient and safe-keeper of all residential information supplied in response to these information requests.

Jim Wells added that it was about that time for the annual release of the University Hills home ownership data, a special file which is compiled by the Las Colinas Association.

Michael Basoco introduced a proposal for UHAOH to establish a monthly newsletter (magazine) for residents of University Hills. Neighborhood Networks Publishing (N2), with whom Michael is associated, are prepared to provide the necessary expertise and services to publish a glossy magazine to be delivered to each and every residence via USPS at no cost to UHAOH. A packet of information with more details was distributed to board members. In addition, copies of other such publications were displayed, including one for the Lakes of Las Colinas, another village in Las Colinas.

Michael further advised that a contract with N2 would be required and that N2 would like to commence publication later this year. Also, Michael noted that the villages of Fox Glen and Country Club Place, which are adjacent to UH, would be included in the publication. N2 consider these villages too small to merit their own magazine. Discussion ensued in which Michael answered a variety of questions one of which was that a "directory" of residents could be produced as part of the program without additional cost to UHAOH.

Tom Hopwood expressed thanks to Michael for bringing this opportunity to the attention of UHAOH. Tom also requested board members to give full consideration to the proposal and come prepared for a final review at the next meeting.

Terri Roan distributed a Timetable along with a very detailed listing of activities and assignments for the upcoming National Night Out event. This will be held at Flag Pole Hill Park on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. All aspects appear to be in good order.

In the absence of Kathrine Pennington, Anna Walther advised that the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting of the Membership were coming along and all should be ready. The AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Las Colinas Country Club.

Respecting the Deck the Hills event (a.k.a. Celebration of Lights), Tom Hopwood related his receipt of assurances from Rick Lindsey and Steve Schreur that arrangements are well in hand. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2017. In due course more details will be forthcoming.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed the Real Estate Report dated September 7th. Currently there are 4 homes listed for sale in UH and none in Alto Vista. Nell Anne remarked that, as a consequence of the price appreciation experienced over the past year, it is difficult if not impossible to find a home in UH for sale in the \$200,000-\$300,000 price range.

Charles Schmidt advised that payment from the City of Irving was received for the Neighborhood Association Grant. This covers the 2016-2017 grant period and the amount is \$1,750. Last month Charles submitted UHAOH's application covering the City's Neighborhood Grant Program for the 2017-2018 period.

Tom Hopwood announced that # 3700 Guadalajara Court (Rhett and Lonnie Tucker) is awarded Yard of the Month for September.

Tom Hopwood advised that Sherri LeVan had tendered her resignation from the board of directors.

Tom Hopwood noted that there is no news as yet about the replacement for Rick Bidne, President and CEO of the Las Colinas Association, who is retiring at the end of this year.

With the time being 1:02 PM, and with no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Schmidt seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on October 3, 2017; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco,
Recording Secretary
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