

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM by the President, Tom Hopwood.

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

Others in attendance: Michael Basoco, Chairman of the New Resident Welcoming Committee.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the February board of directors meeting. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Anna Walther seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2018. Total Assets are \$ 42,210. Net Income for the period since November 1, 2017, is \$ 11,245. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the report as presented. John DeMarco seconded and the motion was carried.

Charles Schmidt summarized the presentation he made at the January board meeting about hard-surfaced commemorative bricks and asked for an expression of interest in pursuing this as an UHAOH fund-raising project. Consensus was that, although its potential is acknowledged, presently there is no urgency to go forward with it.

On a related issue, John DeMarco asked if UHAOH had an obligation to restore the poor condition of the existing commemorative bricks situated at Wingren Park. Tom Hopwood thought not. To be certain, Tom will make appropriate enquiries of Don McGee and/or the Las Colinas Association.

With reference to the proposal to seek tax-exempt status for UHAOH, Charles Schmidt advised that the application to the IRS has been submitted. A noteworthy aspect is the application fee was \$275, which is less than previously estimated.

Charles Schmidt referred to a prior meeting when the concept of an all-event liability insurance policy was approved. Charles advised that the requisite three bids have been secured. Charles will award the contract forthwith, well in time for the next scheduled UHAOH event in April.

John DeMarco recognized the efforts of Jim Wells and Anna Walther in amending the Statutory (Registered) Agent for UHAOH. Form 707 was duly filed with the Texas Secretary of State. Henceforth, Tom Hopwood is UHAOH's appointed Agent, fully authorized to receive service or process notices from the State Secretary.

Michael Basoco advised the April 2018 edition of Our Neighborhood Magazine is now available to board members in electronic form at Dropbox. Any comments will be appreciated. Later this month USPS will commence distribution of the April issue to all residents.

Michael Basoco recounted some up-coming features in the magazine, e.g. walking paths around the UH area, profiles of Block Captains, and a nostalgic item provided by Don McGee. Michael continuously seeks ideas and suggestions for future editions and noted that an Our Neighborhood Magazine community board has been established to coordinate articles and other content. UHAOH board members are welcome at these meetings.

Nell Anne Hunt reaffirmed the date for the Star Gazing event as Saturday, April 21, 2018. Pizza from I Fratelli will be served. Nell Anne displayed a postal card event notice which will be mailed to all residents.

Tom Hopwood noted that the date for this year's Spring Fling has reverted to Saturday, May 12, 2018.

Michael Basoco reported receiving an enquiry from a Children's Balloon vendor who would like to set up a stand at the Spring Fling. Tom Hopwood informed Michael of the stipulations that apply. Michael will explore these with the vendor accordingly.

Tom Hopwood related a message he received from Rick Lindsey about an Adult Social Mixer. There is a possibility that the La Cima Club will have interest in hosting such an event. Rick will pursue this and advise of any developments.

Respecting the Annual General Meeting of the Membership, Anna Walther brandished a signed contract with the Las Colinas Country Club, venue for this year's AGM. (The AGM date is November 13, 2018.) Prices are maintained for 2018, however, the future may be uncertain as a result of the new LCCC ownership.

On behalf of Kavin Shieferdecker, Chairman of the Membership Committee, Tom Hopwood advised that postal card reminders were sent last Friday to those residents who had not yet remitted their membership dues payment for 2018. Anna Walther affirmed her continuing support of the membership drive and stated she will post another dues reminder on Next Door. Anna asked that board members post a REPLY to this plea from time to time because Next Door uses these replies to determine how long an item remains current.

Tom Hopwood reviewed the statistical analysis of the Membership Drive results to date. This analysis was circulated to board members via Tom's email dated March 5, 2018.

Apropos the status report rendered at the last meeting about the traffic conditions on Rochelle, Tom Hopwood advised that the traffic survey has been conducted by the City of Irving. An average speed of 31 MPH was measured. As such, City staff concluded there is no problem. This report was received with incredulity. All present were of the opinion that this does nothing to assuage our concerns about the rampant speeding on Rochelle and that we shall need to redouble our efforts with the City on this issue.

Tom Hopwood noted that the Hidalgo Water & Wastewater Improvement Project may affect access to Flag Pole Hill at about the time of National Night Out. Tom will liaise with Matthew Estridge, P.E., to seek a means to ameliorate any impact.

Nell Anne distributed a Real Estate Report dated March 3, 2018. Currently there are 4 homes listed for sale in the UHAOH area with one of these located in Alto Vista.

Tom Hopwood announced Yard of the Month for March is awarded to 3208 Hidalgo (John Redfern). Also, Tom advised that, starting May, Joyce Guedalia will serve a Chairwoman of the Property Appearance Committee which responsibilities include selection of YOTM.

Tom Hopwood reported on discussions at the recent Village Presidents meeting hosted by the Las Colinas Association. Security and traffic were concerns most often expressed by the presidents. The LCA are doing all possible to address these issues. On a lighter note, LCA are sponsoring a charity Bowl-a-Thon for the benefit of Irving Cares. It will take place at PINSTACK on Thursday, April 26 from 6-9 PM. All villages are encouraged to participate by entering a 4-person team into the bowling tournament that will be held that evening. Tom asked everyone to come forward with nominations for a team from UHAOH.

With the time being 12:47 P.M. and with no further business to discuss, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzannah Cronenwett seconded it and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on April 3, 2018; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco
Recording Secretary
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