

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2019

The monthly meeting of the University Hills Association of Homeowners Board of Directors was called to order at 11:31 AM by the president Tom Hopwood on Tuesday, September 10, in the Barrel Room of the Las Colinas Country Club.

A quorum of 9 directors was present including; Nell Anne Hunt, Ottis Lewis, Karen Martin, Sherri LeVan, Rick Lindsey, Charles Schmidt, Jim Wells, and John DeMarco.

Others Present: Lani Relucio, Chair of the Communications Committee

Minutes

Minutes of the August monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated September 5, 2019. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2019 was distributed by Jim Wells via an email dated September 1, 2019. Responses by the Treasurer to potential questions accompanied the report. Jim added that the recent issue of service charges by the Bank of the West was resolved. These charges will be reversed. There were no other comments and the Treasurer's Report was filed for the 2019 year-end financial review.

Neighborhood Association Grant Program

Charles Schmidt advised that the City of Irving has reduced the balance amount due UHAOH for the 2018/2019 Award by \$100. The reason for this was the absence of the Zebu in the animal rentals at last year's Deck the Hills event. Although there's no effect on UHAOH finances, measures will be taken to ensure this situation does not recur.

Membership Committee

In an email dated September 3, 2019, Steve Hoisington, Committee chair, distributed a report on the 2019 Membership Drive. Total paid memberships for 2019 now number 323 and dues collected amount to \$21,325.

UHAOH Annual Budget for 2019/2020

Tom Hopwood referred to the proposed Annual Budget encompassing UHAOH sponsored activities and programs for 2019/2020. This document is attached to the email sent by Jim Wells dated July 31, 2019. Tom opened the discussion about various expense items. After incorporating several comments and suggestions, Tom summarized the 2019/2020 budget as so revised and made a motion to approve a 2019/2020 UHOAH Expense Budget in amount \$20,750. Jim Wells seconded the motion and the motion carried. Tom will issue the formal 2019/2020 Expense Budget document in due course.

New Business: UHAOH Scholarship Award

Rick Lindsey asked consideration be given to UHAOH funding an annual Scholarship Award to be granted to a student graduating from MacArthur High School or the Singley Academy. Rick noted that, while such award would be unusual for an HOA, it would make UHAOH unique. Moreover, a scholarship award would be in accord with the purpose of UHAOH as stated in the Bylaws. Rick's request was favorably received and various aspects of the scholarship award were discussed. Rick will contact Irving Schools Foundation and develop a formal outline of the proposal for review and discussion at the next meeting.

Farine School Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Nell Ann Hunt reported that the Hot Dog Lunch, which was spear-headed by Michael Basoco and other volunteers, was an unqualified success. The Faculty and Staff at Farine Elementary School were most appreciative of the kindness and consideration afforded to them by the group from University Hills. Nell Anne noted that the out-pouring of food and other donations from UH residents for this First Day of School Luncheon was unprecedented. It made for a great start to the 2019/2020 school year.

Karen Martin added that the Principal of Farine Elementary School, Mr. Joe Estrada, has been invited to the Annual General Meeting in November.

Events Overview/Action Items

Adult Social Mixer: Tuesday, September 10, from 6 - 8 PM at #200 La Paz Court. Sherri LeVan (event chair) confirmed all is in good order for the Social Mixer later today. Sherri and her committee are expecting about 75 attendees. Sherri will present a Gift Card to the Powell's on behalf of UHAOH in appreciation of their generosity in hosting this event.

National Night Out: Tuesday, October 1, from 6 - 8 PM at Flag Pole Hill. Rick Lindsey advised that event preparations are proceeding apace. Rick has contacted Oscar Ward, Dr. Elba Garcia, IPD Chief Jeff Spivey and IFD Chief Victor Conley about their attendance. Also, Rick has made arrangements with the COI for permits, street closure, etc. There will be no Bicycle Parade this year. In its stead Rick previewed some other activities for parents and children designed to foster interaction with Irving Police Department staff.

Annual General Meeting of the Membership: Tuesday, November 12, 2019, from 6 - 9 PM at the LCCC. During the earlier discussions about the 2019/2020 UHAOH Expense Budget, Karen Martin (event chair) remarked that the contract signed with the LCCC for this year's AGM was at the same price as last year.

Deck the Hills (aka Celebration of Lights): Sunday, December 1, 2019, from 6 – 8 PM at Pea Patch Pond. Ottis Lewis is event chair. (Discussion about the new lighting display is reported later in the minutes.)

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Tom Hopwood advised that Michael Basoco, publisher of Our Neighborhood Magazine, has taken on additional responsibilities such that he won't be able to devote full time to the publication. Nonetheless, Michael will retain his oversight role and has made arrangements with other members of the staff to ensure that the magazine continues to grow and improve.

City of Irving Solid Waste Initiative

Tom Hopwood remarked that there are no new developments to report respecting the proposal to change to a system with hydraulic lifts and plastic cans for solid waste collection in Irving residential areas. Jim Wells added that the COI's Bond Package, which is scheduled for referendum in May 2020, may be the arena where an Automated System proposal might next appear. Jim also noted that Oscar Ward, our district representative on the City Council, is a member of the Bond Committee.

Real Estate Report

Nell Anne Hunt presented a Real Estate Report dated August 30, 2019. There are 9 homes listed for sale in the University Hills area; one of these is located in Alto Vista. The average list price for homes currently on the market in UH equates to \$138/sq.ft.

Deck the Hills: New Lighting Display

Ottis Lewis referred to prior discussions and email exchanges regarding the need for new lighting displays at the Deck the Hills event. Ottis distributed a plot plan of the area with the proposed location of the new display. New electrical connections and underground wiring will be required serve this display. These additional facilities were discussed with the LCA who are responsible for any installations on common property. Ottis also distributed a cost estimate for the new Christmas Tree lighting display. With the understanding that LCA's approval of the electrical installations must be secured first, Tom Hopwood made a motion to purchase the new lighting display at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Ottis seconded and the motion was carried.

Property Appearance

Joyce Guedalia, chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised by email that # 609 S. Durango Circle (Deborah Ellis) was awarded Yard of the Month for September.

Hidalgo Alley and LCCC Water and Wastewater Improvements Project

Tom Hopwood circulated a status report from the City Engineer who is directing the two projects. This report is an attachment to Tom's email dated September 6, 2019. The completion date for these projects is now estimated as end November 2019.

LCA Architectural Control Committee

In an email dated September 5, 2019, Steve Hoisington reaffirmed his attendance as an observer at the regular meetings of the Architectural Control Committee for Residential Properties.

New Business: Traffic on Rochelle and Northgate

Rick Lindsey advised that the Traffic Department of the City of Irving and other COI entities are continuing efforts to alleviate the high-speed traffic on Rochelle Boulevard and Northgate Drive. Rick expects that a questionnaire will be circulated to residents on these two thoroughfares. Rick encourages anyone who receives the questionnaire to respond fully and promptly and that everyone in University Hills ought to be forthright and vocal with the COI in effort to mitigate this situation.

There being no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Lindsey seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the president at 12:59 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on October 1, 2019; same time, same place.

John DeMarco

Secretary

09/10/2019

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