

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2021

The monthly meeting of the University Hills Association of Homeowners Board of Directors was called to order at 11:30 AM by the president Tom Hopwood on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The venue is a Zoom videoconferencing platform arranged to comply with the CDC's Social Distancing protocols relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A quorum of 11 directors was present including; Anna Walther, Kathrine Pennington, Steve Hoisington, Rick Lindsey, Charles Schmidt, Michael Basoco, Ottis Lewis, Nell Anne Hunt, Nicholette Mason, and John DeMarco.

Minutes of December 2020 BOD Meeting

Minutes of the December 2020 monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated January 3, 2021. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2020, was distributed by Jim Wells via emails dated December 31, 2020 and January 3, 2021. A list of responses to potential questions accompanied the report. There were no comments and the Treasurer's Report was filed for the fiscal year's financial review.

Financial Review Committee

Anna Walther, Committee Chair, announced that Gwen Buhmann and Ashley Halfast had volunteered to serve as members of the committee for the audit of the UHAOH 2019/2020 fiscal year financial statements. They replace Karen Martin and Rick Lindsey who served on the committee last year.

Safety and Security Committee

Tom Hopwood summarized the proceedings at the Safety & Security Committee meeting held earlier today. With respect to the camera security system, two vendors have been interviewed. However, neither proposal is compelling for reasons of cost, coverage, or technology. Further efforts in this area are put on hold. Instead focus will be on gaining the support of others, e.g. University Park Estates, Las Colinas Association (LCA), and the Irving City Council, as well as the residents of University Hills for amelioration of the speeding traffic problem on Rochelle and Northgate.

Also noted was that Irving Police Department &/or the Traffic Department of the City of Irving recent installation of traffic counters and other types of speed detection devices on Rochelle for a period of a week or so. This development will be pursued with officials to learn any results from the apparent monitoring.

2021 Membership Campaign

Steve Hoisington, Committee Chair, distributed a status report via an email dated January 4, 2021. By all measures we're doing as well as last year at this time. Steve will be sending out postal card reminders next week. Later on, a drawing will be held for those members who have paid their dues by the end of January.

Steve also noted that, while remitting their dues payments, 9 residents indicated interest in volunteering, 2 of which to serve on the UHOAH board. Their names will be passed along to Anna Walther, VP Administration, for further consideration.

Home Holiday Lighting Contest

Judging by the committee was conducted on December 14, 2020, and there were 11 award winners. It was remarked that more participation by residents was evident this year compared to last year.

Holiday Gift to the Elderly: Poinsettia Flowers

Rick Lindsey, on behalf of the ad hoc committee formed to carry out this event, expressed sincere appreciation to Karen Martin for all of her efforts to present the elderly and shut-in residents of UH with the Poinsettia flowers and Christmas cards. Rick added that Christina Winters is deserving of thanks, too.

Star Gazing Zoom Event; Saturday, January 16, 2021 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Nell Anne reported that preparations are well underway for the Star Gazing event which will be conducted by Dr. Richard Olenick, Physics Professor at the University of Dallas. Dr. Olenick will make use of his Zoom videoconferencing platform that can accommodate up to 100 attendees.

Spring Fling: Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Rick Lindsey, VP of Activities, shared his thoughts about the COVID protocols relating to outdoor gatherings. Currently these restrictions would not permit us to host a Spring Fling event such as those arranged in prior years. Rick noted that we have always been mindful of our commitment to the safety and well-being of everyone at each year's Spring Fling event. But the pandemic brings another commitment to Spring Fling this year; reduction to an absolute minimum of the possibility of anyone being exposed to this terrible coronavirus while at the event. Rick then offered some ideas about measures we could take to achieve this, e.g. masking everyone, temperature checks, social distancing, food &/or drink service free of any contact, professional sanitizing, and circular tables. Other measures would be considered, too. However, these measures would require more volunteers than usual to maintain a safe and coronavirus free area for the guests. When asked to assess the probability of making this all happen, Rick thought that it was about 30 %.

Consensus was that we ought to proceed as though the event could be held.

Adult Social Mixer

Tom Hopwood asked about an Adult Social Mixer for the events calendar this year. Sentiment was that, although the Adult Mixer had to be cancelled last year, these events had been well received by the residents in prior years, most recently under the chairmanship of Sherri LeVan and her colleagues. Rick Lindsey will contact Sherri to obtain her thoughts on this.

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Michael Basoco advised that the January issue was delivered to residences two weeks ago which bodes well for the New Year. In contrast, the December edition did not arrive on a timely basis. But that may be related to the crush at USPS over the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. The edition for February, inasmuch as it marks the Third Year Anniversary Issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine, will contain a collection of articles from the prior year

Real Estate Report

Nell Anne Hunt presented the Real Estate Report in two emails dated January 4, 2021. There are only 2 homes listed for sale in the UH area; one of these is in Alto Vista. Nell Anne also reported that the Sales Prices averaged \$147 and \$184 per square foot in UH and AV, respectively, over the past six months.

Property Appearance

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised by email that # 620 Sonora (Charlotte Powell) is the Yard of the Month for January.

February 2021 Monthly Meeting

Tom Hopwood polled the board members present and the consensus was for holding the February monthly BOD meeting through the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

New Business: St. Valentine's Day Gift Program

Nell Anne observed that the success of the Gift Program for the Christmas Holiday might well be worth repeating for St. Valentine's Day. Others concurred and Nell Anne moved to do something similar for the Elderly and Shut-ins of University Hills on St. Valentine's Day with a budget not to exceed \$350. Rick Lindsey seconded and the motion was carried. (Subsequent to the meeting Nicholette Mason was confirmed as Chair for the program.)

New Business: Lighting System for Deck the Hills

Ottis Lewis, Deck the Hills Chair, acknowledged everyone who commended him and his team for the success of the "mobile" Deck the Hills lighting event held on November 29, 2020. Rather than seeking additional praise, Ottis asked for a better understanding of the electrical system infrastructure which supports our light displays at Deck the Hills. Over the years this system of outlets, wires, switches, and sub-stations located in the vicinity of Patch Lake has deteriorated to a great degree and is badly in need of an upgrade. The system requires constant attention throughout the 6 - 7 week period of Deck the Hills to keep the displays in operation. All manner of glitches result in lights going out, sometimes for no apparent reason. Ottis also wanted everyone to be aware that this electricity delivery system is owned and operated by LCA, not UHAOH. Over the past few years, LCA have installed their own set of light displays for the Holiday Season hence have not been prone to pay heed to problems with the electrical system in the Pea Patch Lake area.

Discussion ensued and it was thought that an outline of the situation needs to be prepared and then taken up with the Common Property Department of LCA.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was so adjourned by the president. The time was 12:40 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on February 2, 2021 via the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

John DeMarco
Recording Secretary
01/05/2021

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