

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2021

The monthly meeting of the University Hills Association of Homeowners Board of Directors was called to order at 11:35 AM by the president Tom Hopwood on Tuesday, February 2, 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, Jim Wells, Michael Basoco, Ottis Lewis, Nell Anne Hunt, Nicholette Mason, and John DeMarco.

Minutes of January 2021 BOD Meeting

Minutes of the January 2021 monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated January 26, 2021. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2021, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email dated January 31, 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, advised that the Committee had completed its work and that the Committee's report is being finalized. Anna provided assurance that the Committee's review found the UHOAH financial statements for the fiscal year 2019/2020 to be in good order.

Safety and Security Committee

Tom Hopwood summarized the proceedings at the Safety & Security Committee meeting held earlier today. The presentation on Rochelle Speeding to the Irving City Council last Thursday went well and the overtures made to the City of Irving (COI) officials already seem to have had an impact. COI are narrowing the lanes on Rochelle south of Northgate Drive. In addition, COI have promised to install a lighted Pedestrian Crosswalk at Hidalgo and Rochelle. The Security Committee will now work to develop a project schedule and to establish bench-marks such that progress in the amelioration of this situation can be measured. At this point COI has agreed to a few incremental improvements, but the team will continue to work with COI staff to develop an acceptable long term solution to slow traffic.

In response to a query from Ottis Lewis about the Committee's other endeavors to ensure the safety and security of residents, Tom advised that these are being given a lower priority for the moment. However, the Committee is looking to increase its membership such that more objectives can be pursued simultaneously.

2021 Membership Campaign

Steve Hoisington, Committee Chair, distributed a status report via an email dated February 1, 2021. Dues collections are ahead of last year at this time. Upcoming actions include a raffle for those with dues paid by the end of January and an "overdue" letter to be sent in mid-February.

Star Gazing Zoom Event; Saturday, January 16, 2021

Nell Anne Hunt, Committee Chair, reported on the Star Gazing event which was conducted by Dr. Richard Olenick, Physics Professor at the University of Dallas using his Zoom videoconferencing platform. This system was linked to several telescopes located in West Texas and it allowed for the moderator to direct the telescopes to the target stars in real time. Over 60 star gazers were in attendance, some of whom were located across the country. Nell Anne related that the reaction to Dr. Olenick's presentation was very favorable.

Discussion ensued about acknowledging the time and effort of Dr. Olenick in making this event happen. Steve Hoisington moved for a letter to be sent to Dr. Olenick expressing the Board's sincere appreciation. Nell Anne seconded and the motion carried.

St. Valentine's Day Flowers for Homebound Residents

Nicholette Mason, Committee Chair, displayed an image of the floral bouquet which, along with a card, will be delivered on Valentine's Day to elderly and homebound residents. In response to the request from Ottis Lewis, Nicholette will send around the list of Gift recipients to the board members.

Spring Fling: Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Rick Lindsey, VP of Activities, reviewed the pandemic situation. This week Dallas County has set another record for the number of deaths from COVID-19. And new, more-contagious mutations of the virus are now present. On the other hand, there was a decline in the number of new cases and a ramp-up in vaccination efforts by the authorities, albeit at lesser rates that had been promised. Rick also noted that Dallas County Health & Human Services Department continues to assess the situation as within the Red Zone, i.e., restrictions on outdoor gatherings for events like Spring Fling. These restrictions would apply to the City of Irving as well.

Although the current outlook for holding the event may be bleak, Rick remarked that the circumstances could change. Also, we still have time to evaluate the situation. To facilitate our decision-making, Rick will be communicating with the vendors to apprise them of our thinking about holding the event and to keep our options open.

Rick welcomed everyone's thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. He also proposed that a sub-group be formed to think strategically about the event and the program of activities to best accommodate potential restrictions while providing a time of enjoyment for our residents as well as enhancing the opportunity for them to interact with friends and neighbors.

Consensus was to keep on working toward a Spring Fling event with final decision to be made at a later date.

Adult Social Mixer

With reference to discussions at the last meeting, in an email to the board members dated January 7, 2021, Sherri LeVan affirmed her willingness to coordinate an Adult Social Mixer when circumstances allow.

Electrical System Upgrade at Pea Patch Lake

Following upon the recommendation made at last month's meeting, Ottis Lewis advised that he and Steve Maddox, UHAOH's electrician, will be meeting shortly to review in detail the various repairs and upgrades required to permit sustained operations when the UHAOH Deck the Hills light displays are in focus each year (end November until early January).

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Michael Basoco advised that the members of the editorial committee are meeting regularly and that the February issue is expected to be delivered to residences shortly.

In response to a query from Tom Hopwood, Michael gave his full assurance that an article high-lighting the Rochelle Speeding Initiative would be welcomed for publication in the magazine.

Real Estate Report

Nell Anne Hunt presented the Real Estate Report in two emails dated February 1, 2021. Only 1 home is listed for sale in the UH area and it's located in University Hills. Nell Anne remarked that any new listings are "flying off the shelves". Nell Anne also reported that the Sales Prices averaged \$145 and \$175 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 # 3426 Wingren (Shawn Billberry and Claude White) is awarded Yard of the Month for February.

March 2021 Monthly Meeting

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

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was so adjourned by the president. The time was 12:20 PM.

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

John DeMarco
Recording Secretary
02/02/2021

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