

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
June 1, 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, June 1, 2021. The venue is a Zoom videoconferencing platform arranged to comply with the protocols relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A quorum of 12 directors was present including; Karen Martin, Anna Walther, Rick Lindsey, Kathrine Pennington, Jim Wells, Nicholette Mason, Ottis Lewis, Nell Anne Hunt, Michael Basoco, Charles Schmidt, and John DeMarco.

**Minutes of May 2021 BOD Meeting**

Minutes of the May 2021 monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated May 23, 2021. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2021, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email dated May 29, 2021. A list of responses to potential questions accompanied the report. Also noted was that another change in reporting methodology has been implemented with this month's report. The charges for processing payments by PayPal and Square are now explicit.

There were no comments and the Treasurer's Report was filed for the fiscal year's financial review.

**UHAOH CD Maturing on June 23, 2021**

Jim Wells advised that our CD at Bank of the West (5 year term at 1.5 %) was maturing on June 23, 2021. These monies constitute the Reserve Fund for UHAOH. After providing a review of the current low interest rate environment, which is forecast to continue for the future, Jim recommended the CD be renewed. Anna Walther suggested consideration be given to the placement of the funds in a regular Savings Account. Discussion ensued and Jim proposed we survey the rates prevailing on June 23 and then make a decision as to the best placement of the proceeds from the maturing CD. This course of action was accepted.

**Safety and Security Committee**

Tom Hopwood advised that the Security Committee will meet later today to discuss next steps in the Rochelle Speeding Project as well as to address other safety and security concerns in University Hills.

**Spring Fling: Saturday, May 8, 2021**

Rick Lindsey (VP Activities) solicited impressions from everyone about this year's Spring Fling event whose format and location had been changed substantially from past years. The comments were unanimous in praise for the planning and for the hard work of Board Members and the other volunteers all of which resulted in a most successful event.

Rick made reference to the Treasurer's Report for May 31 and advised that the expenditure for the Texas Blues Machine had not been included in the figures for Spring Fling. This will be reflected in the next monthly report.

Rick then outlined estimated expenditures for the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration event. These amount to about \$2,800 and are linked to the Spring Fling through the UHAOH annual budget. Total actual and estimated expenditures for both events now look to exceed the \$7,600 amount approved at the April meeting. Anna Walther moved to add a 10% tolerance to the budgeted expense. That is expected to cover any overage. Kathrine Pennington seconded and the motion was carried.

### **Independence Day Celebration: Sunday, July 4, 2021**

Rick Lindsey reviewed the arrangements for the event to celebrate the Fourth of July with a concert at Flag Pole Hill. Rick noted that, while the location was the same, there are distinct differences with Spring Fling; no hot food (light snacks instead, e.g. popcorn and cookies), concert setting for the ISO Musicians, conductor Maestro Hector Guzman, no children's activities, attendees encouraged to bring their own blankets, chairs, food as though on a picnic. Rick also advised that the concert will start promptly at 6:15 PM.

Rick will send around an outline of the program for the Fourth of July Concert event. This will include volunteer assignments.

### **Adult Social Mixer (July – September period)**

There were no new developments to report. The approved budget for this event is \$1,500.

### **National Night Out: Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

Rick Lindsey moved to go forward with an NNO event at Flag Pole Hill similar to those that UHAOH has sponsored in prior years. Ottis Lewis seconded and the motion carried. (For reference, \$1,500 is the amount set aside for NNO in the UHAOH 2020/2021 Budget.)

### **Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

Karen Martin, event Chair, advised that Las Colinas Country Club (LCCC) is receptive to UHAOH holding the event there as done in prior years. No terms have been discussed as yet. Karen requested affirmation for her to commence negotiations with LCCC in the form of a motion. Ottis Lewis seconded and the motion was carried.

### **Liability Insurance for UHAOH Neighborhood Magazine**

With reference to discussions at the last meeting, Charles Schmidt reported on the lack of meaningful response to his attempts to obtain offers of liability insurance coverage for UHAOH's production of a neighborhood magazine. Charles will continue his efforts, perhaps including other insurance requirements to make the package more attractive to insurance providers.

### **Real Estate Report**

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Real Estate report for May 24, 2021, via her email of the same date. There were five homes listed for sale in the UH area; one of these is in Alto Vista. Nell Anne remarked that the Seller's market continues with most homes selling at a higher price than the price at which it was listed.

### **Property Appearance**

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised that the Yard of the Month for June was awarded to # 300 Rochelle Blvd. East (Andrew and Jo Anna Rawicki).

### **Great Flag Caper**

Nell Anne Hunt announced that the Great Flag Caper for 2021 is already underway. This will be its 29<sup>th</sup> year. Flags will be available for distribution starting Tuesday, June 29, 2021. Other aspects of the GFC; student essay contest, honoring veterans, special flag plantings, are proceeding as well.

### **Monthly Meeting for July 2021**

After some discussion about the merits of a monthly meeting for July, Anna Walther moved to cancel the July 2021 meeting and resuming the monthly schedule in August. Nicholette Mason seconded and the motion carried.

### **In Person Meeting for August 2021**

With reference to discussions at the last meeting respecting a face to face board of directors meeting, Tom Hopwood proposed that we plan on an in-person meeting for the August BOD meeting (Tuesday, August 3, 2021). Those who cannot attend could be linked into the meeting. This was agreeable to most, if not all, board members present. Nicholette Mason will liaise with LCCC and/or LCA about use of their facility for this purpose.

### **New Business: COI Neighborhood Association Grant Award**

Charles Schmidt noted that the City of Irving Neighborhood Association Grant Program for 2021-2022 requires UHAOH to submit an application by early August 2021. To facilitate its completion, an ad hoc Committee was formed to develop suitable proposal(s) for UHAOH to submit. These would be over and above the usual \$1,000 donation to the Great Flag Caper. Members of this committee are; Charles Schmidt, Anna Walther, Rick Lindsey, and Nicholette Mason.

There being no other business to conduct, Nell Anne Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Nicholette Mason seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the president. The time was 1:08 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on August 3, 2021, with venue yet to be decided.

John DeMarco  
Recording Secretary  
06/01/2021

Approved   X   or As Corrected      on