

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2022

The monthly meeting of the University Hills Association of Homeowners Board of Directors was called to order at 11:30 AM by Tom Hopwood, President, on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. The venue is the Board Room in the Las Colinas Association's Corporate Office located at # 3838 Teleport Blvd. in Irving, TX. Also, a Zoom videoconferencing platform was arranged to permit Board Members not physically present to participate in the meeting.

A quorum of 10 directors included; Anna Walther, Rick Lindsey, Kathrine Pennington, Jim Wells, Ottis Lewis, Charles Schmidt, Nell Anne Hunt, Michael Basoco, and John DeMarco.

Minutes of the December 2021 BOD Meeting

Minutes of the December monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated December 28, 2021. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (Provisional)

These minutes were endorsed at last month's AGM. A copy of the minutes is available at the UH web site.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the 2-month period ending December 31, 2021, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email dated January 1, 2022. A list of responses to potential questions accompanied this report. There were no comments and the report was filed for the fiscal year's financial review.

2022 Membership Campaign

Anna Walther, Committee Chair, reported results for the 2022 Membership Drive as of December 31, 2021. One hundred eighty two members already have renewed and \$16,450 in dues has been collected. Further actions include the drawing among members who had paid their dues by December 31, 2021, and the sending of personalized emails to those members who had not yet paid their dues for 2022.

UHAOH Bylaws Review

Prompted by discussions about establishing the quorum at the recent AGM along with the need to perform a customary review of the bylaws from time to time, Tom Hopwood proposed that an ad hoc committee be created to perform a review the UHAOH Bylaws. This was agreed to by the other directors. Committee members are Karen Martin (Chair), Anna Walther, and Michael Basoco. Others may join this committee, as needed.

Star Gazing: Saturday, March 12, 2022

Nell Anne Hunt, Event Coordinator, reported on her discussions with Dr. Richard Olenick. The timing of the event needs to change. With the resurgence of infections caused by the omicron variant of COVID-19, it is only prudent to postpone the date of this event. Dr. Olenick suggested March 12, 2022. This was accepted and the new date will be posted to the Event Calendar at the UHAOH web site.

40/50 Year Home of Distinction Awards Committee

Tom Hopwood announced that Charles Schmidt has resigned the position of Committee Chair after 15 years in this capacity. Tom went on to express the sincere appreciation of everyone for the sterling service that Charles provided to the community in fulfilling this role. A round of applause was given to Charles by the assembled board members.

Home Holiday Lighting Contest: December 15, 2021

Tom Hopwood reported on this year's Home Holiday Lighting Contest with its nine judging teams composed of 20 residents and board members who covered every street in UH and Alto Vista. Contest participation was outstanding with 35 properties being nominated for the awards. After much deliberation by the committee members, one winner for the First Place award and 10 winners for the Holiday Spirit award were declared.

Tom also noted the committee's suggestion to include some additional categories for the awards next year so as to further increase participation.

Deck the Hills Lighting Displays

Ottis Lewis, Committee Chair, drew attention to the closer relationship being developed with LCA Common Properties. The recent repairs and upgrades carried out by LCA staff to the electrical connections in the vicinity of Pea Patch Lake is an example. In addition, LCA's installation of light displays on the Rochelle median now makes us partners in bringing about Christmas Holiday cheer to residents and passers-by.

Ottis also noted that some of the older light displays used for this year's DTH event need repair before they can be used again. Ottis has charged our Electrician with the task of evaluating the condition of these light displays in detail and of estimating the cost of their repair or replacement.

Spring Fling: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Rick Lindsey (VP Events) outlined several scenarios for holding this year's Spring Fling event depending on the circumstances prevailing, e.g. COVID-19 Protocols. Rick then asked for thoughts on the matter.

Consensus was that we proceed basis two separate and distinct events; (1) Spring Fling with a full gamut of children's activities at Wingren Park along with the tent and the Texas Blues Machine musical accompaniment, and (2) ISO Concert at Flag Pole Hill as was done last year to celebrate the 4th of July Holiday. Rick will develop cost estimates with our vendors for each of the proposals and some variations, all of which will be the subject for discussion at the next meeting.

Poinsettia Plants: Elderly and Shut-In Residents

Rick Lindsey extolled the efforts of Nicholette Mason and her committee in organizing the delivery of poinsettia plants at Christmas to residents of University Hills who are elderly and/or shut-in. The poinsettias were well-received by these residents and served to acknowledge their valued presence in our community.

Nominating Committee Report

Anna Walther reviewed the current situation with respect to unfilled positions at the Board, Committee Chair, and other levels. Michael Basoco has joined the committee and Tom Hopwood is seeking another member to complete the committee's staffing. Anna remarked that she is hopeful the Volunteer Appreciation Get Together event will provide an opportunity to expand the scope of the search for volunteer workers and for suitable candidates to fill the open positions.

University Hills Resident Directory 2022-2023

Michael Basoco (Directory Committee Chair) advised that the program to publish the directory in April is on schedule with a cut-off date for resident data at the end of February. Michael commented that most ad pages are already filled with only a few slots remaining for those who might wish to advertise to a unique and exclusive audience over a two year period at low cost.

Real Estate Report

Nell Anne Hunt presented a Real Estate Report dated January 4, 2022. No homes were listed for sale in the University Hills area including Alto Vista. Another point of interest in the report is the average Sales Price per square foot of living area over the past six months; \$174 for homes sold in University Hills and \$168 for homes sold in Alto Vista. Nell Anne remarked that because the number of sales in this 6-month period was fewer than usual, the comparison may not be accurate.

Property Appearance: January

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, reported that the Yard of the Month for January was awarded to # 3431 Gentry (Linda and Mike Despain).

New Business: Lighted Fountains in Color at the Rochelle Ponds

Michael Basoco suggested that the lighting for the water fountains operating in the ponds along Rochelle be changed from plain white to color. This would add an accent to the ponds and the colors could be changed to highlight the seasons or other events.

New Business: Monthly BOD Meeting Day and Time

Michael Basoco proposed that a review be conducted of the Board of Directors monthly meeting date and time because some members find the current time slot not convenient to their schedules. Also, a more favorable timing for the meeting might be an attraction to candidates who are inclined toward volunteering for a board or other positions.

With there being no further business to conduct, Anna Walther moved to close the meeting. John DeMarco seconded and the motion carried. The president then adjourned the meeting. The time was 12:51 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on February 1, 2022, at the same time (11:30 AM) and the same place (Board Room in LCA Corporate Office at #3838 Teleport Blvd., Irving, TX).

John DeMarco
Secretary
01/04/2022

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