

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2022

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, August 2, 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, Karen Martin, Nell Anne Hunt, Ottis Lewis, Michael Basoco, and John DeMarco.

**Minutes of the June 2022 BOD Meeting**

Minutes of the June monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated July 25, 2022. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report: June 30, 2022**

The Treasurer's Report for the 8-month period ending June 30, 2022, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email of the same date. There were no comments and the report was filed for the fiscal year's financial review.

**Treasurer's Report: July 31, 2022**

The Treasurer's Report for the 9-month period ending July 31, 2022, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email of the same date. A list of responses to potential questions accompanied the Treasurer's Report. There were no comments and the report was filed for the fiscal year's financial review.

**UHAOH Reserve Fund: Transfer of CD**

Jim Wells noted that the CD representing UHOAH's Reserve Fund reached its term on June 22, 2022. Jim recommended these funds be moved from the Bank of the West to Capital One Bank in order to obtain a higher interest rate and to ease accessibility to the account. Anna Walther made a motion open a CD there as specified in the University Hills letter which will be provided to Capital One Bank. This letter is attached to Jim's email dated July 25, 2022. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion was carried.

**2022 Membership Campaign: Final Report**

In an email dated August 1, 2022, Anna Walther, Committee Chair, issued a last and final report for the 2022 Membership Campaign. All joined in giving a round of applause to Anna and her Committee for achieving such an excellent outcome.

**COI Neighborhood Association Grant Award Program 2022/2023**

Jim Wells, recently appointed Coordinator for this position succeeding Charles Schmidt, confirmed all the necessary signatures have been affixed to the UHAOH application for the City of Irving (COI) Neighborhood Association Grant Program 2022/2023. This application will be delivered to COI forthwith. The amount requested is \$1,750, comprised of \$1,000 for the usual UHAOH donation to the Great Flag Caper and \$750 for materials, mailings, postage, printing, and other expenses incurred by UHAOH in going about its various communications with residents.

### **COI Neighborhood Association Grant Award 2021/2022**

With respect to the Neighborhood Grant Award for year 2021/2022, Jim Wells advised that Charles Schmidt has completed the documentation required for the 2021/2022 award program and this has been submitted to the City of Irving. The outcome for this other part of the award grant will become known later in September.

### **UHAOH Annual Budget 2022/2023: Discussion**

Tom Hopwood referred to his email dated July 25, 2022, which attached a 2022 Event Schedule. This listed all UHAOH sponsored events and included event expenditure amounts for prior years. Discussion ensued and some date changes were suggested. Also, the uncertainty respecting Star Gazing was noted as this event depends upon Dr. Richard Olenick's availability. Consensus was that we ought to go forward with most, if not all of these events.

Tom made a request of the Committee, Program, and Event Chairs to provide him with their estimate of expenditures for 2022/2023 budget planning purposes. If these can be sent to Tom prior to the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, that will facilitate full discussion of the overall budget for 2022-2023 at that meeting.

### **Sponsorships for UHAOH Events**

Tom Hopwood referenced a discussion initiated several meetings ago respecting paid sponsorships at UHAOH events. Michael Basoco remarked as to the keen interest expressed to him by vendors and other service providers who would pay for the opportunity to advertise their wares at these occasions. Discussion ensued. It was acknowledged that this source of funds could be of use should UHAOH have need for additional revenues. Also, some downsides to this type of venture were noted. Rick Lindsey stated he was not in favor of paid advertising at UHAOH events and moved that we cease any further consideration of sponsorships at this time. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion carried.

### **Fourth of July Celebration Concert: Monday, July 4, 2022 at Flag Pole Hill**

In an email dated July 8, 2022, Rick Lindsey (VP Activities) expressed appreciation to all who contributed their efforts toward making this one of the best events for UHAOH this year. Rick noted that the attendees seemed to be a different cross-section of residents, that it was very well attended, that commingling was enhanced, and that everyone seemed to have a great time.

### **Adult Social Mixer: Thursday, September 15, 2022**

Tom Hopwood confirmed that preparations are on schedule for this event to be held at the home of Andi Frisbee (# 4014 Wingren).

### **National Night Out: Tuesday October 4, 2022 at Flag Pole Hill**

Rick Lindsey (VP Activities) noted the continuing pandemic whose protocols impose a limit on the scope of activities in public places. Nevertheless, the celebration of National Night Out in University Hills is an imperative. Not only because it's a tradition, but because of its great importance to the Safety and Security of our neighborhood. While the current situation precludes a repeat of the large scale arrangements made for UHAOH celebrations of NNO in prior years, Rick proposed we build upon the ad hoc arrangements made for last year, which were well received. Those arrangements brought full attention of residents to the essentials of NNO; the need to know your neighbors, the ready access to informative materials about safety and security, the practice of theft and burglary prevention, and the respect and support due to the men and women who staff IPD and IFD.

There were no objections to going forward with this plan. Rick and his committee will liaise with the City of Irving, IPD, IFD and LCA accordingly.

### **Annual General Meeting of the Membership: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6-9 PM**

In an email dated August 2, 2022, Karen Martin, Committee Chair, confirmed that arrangements with the Las Colinas Country Club have been fixed for this year's Annual General Meeting of the Membership. The Buffet Dinner is priced at \$32 and UHAOH will provide a subsidy of \$2 per person for those who wish to dine. Karen also advised that Gwen Buhmann will assist with the RSVP's and other matters.

### **Deck the Hills: Rehabilitation of Lighting Displays**

Ottis Lewis, Committee Chair, made reference to prior discussions, e.g., April meeting, about the sorely needed rehabilitation of the decades-old UHAOH owned light displays at Pea Patch Lake. Ottis has obtained a firm offer from our Master Electrician for the complete repair and renewal of the "Holiday Greetings from University Hills" light set. Total cost for parts and labor is \$3,300. This includes replacement of all bulbs with LED bulbs which in itself will be a vast improvement. Consensus was to move forward on this rehab such that the project could be completed in time for this year's event. Ottis made a motion to do so with the understanding this expenditure is a capital item. Anna Walther seconded and the motion carried.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Anna Walther, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that Kelly Davis has volunteered to become the Chair of the Communications Committee replacing Nicholette Mason.

### **Real Estate Report**

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Real Estate Report dated July 26, 2022, by email and by hard copy. She added that mortgage interest rates have eased to 5.125 % and suggested this is another indication that we may be progressing toward a more balanced market.

### **Yard of the Month: July and August**

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised that the Yard of the Month for July and for August were awarded to: # 400 Balboa (Pat and Gil Andres) and to # 111 Alto Vista (Tyler Snyder and Chad Demchuk), respectively.

### **New Business: Property Compliance**

Ottis Lewis remarked that the number of residences exhibiting a sub-standard appearance seems to be increasing. Several examples in University Hills were cited where the residential property is not properly maintained; either landscaping or the dwelling's exterior appearance. To provide for further review and assessment, Ottis volunteered to compile a list of such properties along with their perceived deficiencies. Ottis encouraged others to let him know of instances which they might have noticed, too.

### **New Business: COI Solid Waste Process Study**

Jim Wells, in an email dated July 28, 2022, circulated a summary of the parameters for COI's Solid Waste Collection System Study. The RFQ for this study has been issued and the Consulting Firm is expected to be chosen at the August 4, 2022, City Council Meeting. Cost of the study is estimated as \$100,000 and COI has allowed up to 9 months for its completion.

In an email also dated July 28, 2022, Jim Wells presented a Survey template which he has developed to solicit input from Irving residents on the issue of Bags vs. Carts and other aspects of the Solid Waste Collection System. Jim remarked that Irving residents are offered few opportunities to make their voices heard on this issue and implored each of us to provide him with comments and suggestions to make this survey unbiased and yet informative about the factors important to Irving residents in deciding upon the system for the collection of their solid waste.

With there being no further business to conduct, Rick Lindsey moved to adjourn the meeting. Anna Walther seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the President and the time was 1:10 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on September 6, 2022, at the same time (11:30 AM) and the same place (Board Room in the LCA Corporate Office at # 3838 Teleport Blvd., Irving, TX).

John DeMarco  
Secretary  
08/02/2022

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