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## **MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2005**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Opening and Introductions:** Mary Tannahill, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Mary asked Rick Bradstreet to serve as Secretary and take minutes for the meeting.

Members in attendance: Mary Tannahill, Jack Jennings, Ann Trentin, John Rhodes, Linda Keeling, Joe Makeever, Tony Aterno, Stanley Moos, Rick Bradstreet

**Treasurer's Report:** Jack Jennings, Treasurer, reported the following:

- The Association has a reconciled balance of \$4025.08 in its account.
- There have been 10 new memberships this month. Mary Tannahill reports that the Association has a total of 153 paid households for the year.
- Our present bank, First American, has been purchased by the out-of-town bank, Citibank. Mr. Jennings suggested that the Association consider transferring our account to an in-state bank such as Franklin Bank or First State Bank. This will be considered formally at a later meeting.

**Traffic Control Report:** Ann Trentin and Jack Jennings summarized the traffic control project:

- There have been 2 four hour "patrols" in February, 2 in March, and there will be 2 in April, the last one being April 21, 2005. There are tentative plans to have one more patrol in May.
- The Travis County deputy who has done the April patrols invites residents and/or Board Members to "ride along".
- Volume of tickets: The present deputy issued 35 tickets to 26 people in his last 4 hour patrol. He reported that he did not have "repeat offenders". Earlier patrols had netted much lower number of tickets (eg: 11 warnings and 3 tickets on one patrol).

There was discussion about the pros and cons of issuing so many tickets. It was agreed that our main concern is speeding. One Bd. Member recently had an accident on Steck and strongly favored giving tickets. Another member believed that issuing multiple tickets for additional violations (eg: no insurance; no drivers license) was too aggressive.

**President's Report:** Mary Tannahill summarized the following issues:

- **City Council Races May 7, 2005:** Seats 1 and 3 are being hotly contested without incumbents. Place 4 is also open with incumbent Betty Dunkerly seeking

re-election. A good website for candidate information is:  
[www.leaguewv.austin.tx.us](http://www.leaguewv.austin.tx.us). This is the website for the Austin Chapter of the League of Women Voters.

- **Smoking Ordinance on May 7 ballot:** The proposal is more restrictive than the present ordinance. It would expand the smoking ban to all bars, bowling alleys, and billiard parlors.
- **ACC referendum on May 7 ballot:** This would expand the property tax base for ACC by annexing portions of Westlake, Round Rock and Pflugerville in the ACC taxing district. Students in those annexed areas would be able to attend ACC for “resident” tuition.
- **Sign Variance for Wally’ Burger:** Mary reported that only 5 Bd members responded to her e-mails. Those members were not opposed to the variance and apparently no other opposition was registered to the sign variance with Bd members. Mary reminded us that we need to get in the habit of responding quickly to variance hearings, as they historically come without much notice.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business: The Association Zoning Committee**

Mary Tannahill explained that she wants to train a new chair for the committee because she is moving to Arlington, Tx in mid 2006. It takes time for someone to learn the ropes and become familiar with the procedures for researching and testifying about variances. Ideally, there would be 2-3 new people on the committee so that someone is always present when the other members are on vacation or tied up at work. Mary will solicit new members in the May 2005 Newsletter.

**New Newsletter Editor:** The Association also needs a new editor, because Mary will be gone in mid 2006. Mary will also solicit for an editor in the May 2005 Newsletter.

It was suggested that the Association will need 4 new Bd members to handle the work that Mary Tannahill has been doing alone for the past several years.

Minutes submitted by Rick Bradstreet, Acting Secretary