

**Balcones Civic Association Executive Committee Meeting
20 July 2005**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order & Introductions – Mary Tannahill, Acting President for Tom Arbuckle, who was out of town

Executive Committee Members in attendance:
Martha Blomquist, Rick Bradstreet, Elizabeth Gunter, Jack Jennings, Joe Makeever, Stanley Moos, Mary Tannahill, and Monroe Zoch.

Executive Committee Members voting by proxy: Tom Arbuckle, Louise Epstein, Linda Keeling, and John Rhodes. Bob Howell was also present as a guest.

Crime Report – APD Sr. Officer Mike Dunn
No crime report as Sr. Officer Dunn was not present.

Administrative Items

1. Minutes from June meeting – Mary T.
The minutes from the June meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee by Mary on July 7, 2005. There were no corrections.

2. Treasurer's Report – Jack Jennings
Jack reported that he had opened a bank account at First State Bank located at the corner of Spicewood Springs and Mesa. Jack closed the prior account as the bank had been purchased and was no longer locally owned. The new account contains over \$3,000 after expenses of \$140 for the Travis County Sheriff.

3. Membership update – Mary T.
As of May 2005 there are 153 paid households.

Old Business

1. Traffic patrol update – Ann Trentin
Ann was not present but Jack reported that he will set up the August patrol with the Sheriff's deputy. The results of the patrol appear to be positive but the Committee agreed to evaluate the effectiveness of the patrol after school starts.

New Business

A. Plan for Sept. annual meeting – All

1. Proposed date for annual meeting: Tues. Sept. 20, 2005; 7 PM
Jack Jennings moved that the annual meeting be held on September 20 and Martha Blomquist seconded the motion. The motion carried with 11 in favor counting the proxy votes and 0 opposed. The meeting will be held at Anderson High School. Mary plans to distribute the newsletter in early Sept. that will publicize the event.

2. Possible topics for discussion & speakers

- a) distribute maps of our neighborhood at registration – **Belinda Herrera**;
distribute bulletin about deed restrictions at regis. – **Mary T.**

Mary will get copies of map of our area and of the neighborhoods with the sectors clearly illustrated. Belinda will distribute the maps at the registration table and also hand out the information on deed restrictions, oak wilt, etc.

- b) Crime report – **Sr. Officer Mike Dunn**

Officer Dunn will present a summary of the crime events of the prior year.

- c) Publicize BCA website features and recognize BCA webmaster

Thomas Hudson – **Tom Arbuckle**

- d) Traffic patrol update – **Ann Trentin**

In order to continue the patrols, the Association needs a minimum membership of 90-100 member households, per Jack Jennings.

- e) Ask for volunteers for newsletter committee – **Tom A.**

Since Mary is moving in the next year, a newsletter committee is needed.

Mary recommends splitting the duties among several people.

- f) Discuss need for new sector reps for Sectors 1 & 4 (2 reps each) – **Tom**

The Committee commented that last year this part of the meeting was confusing and not very clear. Mary will suggest that at the end of the meeting that Tom slow down so as not to lose everyone's attention and make the instructions concerning the election of sector representatives very clear. The Committee also suggested that the existing reps hold signs that can be seen by those in attendance trying to locate their neighborhood sector and that the selection process be carefully explained.

g) With regard to other topics at the meeting, Tom will ask Brewster McCracken to update the Association on the water main project, the toll road or other pertinent issues such as the coyote trapping project.

B. Discuss need for new President, Vice Pres., and Secretary effective Oct. '05

Tom Arbuckle (current President) has expressed the need for a break and Louise Epstein (current Vice Pres.) will be moving from the neighborhood.

We do not currently have a Secretary. Jack Jennings agreed to stand for reelection, but in his opinion this position should rotate to other individuals.

With regard to the website, Joe mentioned some difficulty printing from it and Mary requested that Joe speak with Thomas Hudson, the webmaster.

Adjourn

Elizabeth Gunter, Acting Secretary