

HPWABANA Monthly Meeting Minutes August 15, 2011

Board members present: Kirby Walker, Andrea Torres, Trey McWhorter
Community members present: Ruth Jiu (Recycled Reads), Nadene Morning

Meeting was called to order at 7:15am. There was no quorum present.

Community Comments:

Ruth Jiu talked to the board about Recycled Reads. This is a used book store on Burnet that gives its proceeds to the library. It not only sells books but interesting items made from recycled books such as jewelry. Recycled Reads needs volunteers.

Nadene Morning addressed the board about concerns with Perry Park. She mentioned that the neighborhood association has spent a lot of time and money on beautification of the park and that the parking lot is shared property. Now there are 3 giant dumpsters and a big metal container in the parking lot. She has made a complaint with AISD but believes that we need a way to communicate the NA's position with AISD. In addition, she mentioned the loss of the water fountain in the Quarry. Parks and Recreation is looking into this.

Treasurer's Report:

From the recent mailing, Trey reported that HPWBANA has taken in \$5,000 and has 200 members.

Heritage Homes presentation:

Our September board meeting will include a presentation on Heritage Homes. This meeting will be at the church as the Yarborough library is reserved for a library program.

Annual Meeting:

After reviewing the available dates in October for the annual meeting, Andrea determined that October 17th was the best date. This coincides with the regular meeting date for the month. Andrea will look into Russell's, Jorge's, and Chez Zee.

Movie in the Park:

In an email, Scott suggested October 22 as a good date. At the meeting, the members present agreed it was a good idea. (It appears that our decision was made too late. Because of concerns about adequately advertising the movie, Scott suggested via email having the event in the spring.)

Website/Communications:

The board members talked about this committee being responsible for the website, the newsletter and the listserve – all of the board's communication devices. Lauren Cunningham is currently working on the website. Kirby discussed the need to separate the responsibility for updating information on the site. The board then had a brief discussion of a name change for the board as Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association is a long name. We also discussed the feasibility of taking credit card payments for memberships on the website.

Other:

Trey discussed that he has moved bank tracking to Mint.com (a web based system) from Quicken. This will allow for easier transferability of the Treasurer responsibility without having software compatibility issues. Andrea then discussed the need to have a similar system available to keep our membership lists instead of keeping them on Excel or Access. Andrea will look into this.

Andrea also discussed the need to draft board responsibilities that will be presented to new board members. These would include such things as the number of meeting where attendance is expected and when those meetings are, the need to attend certain events, and expected participation on committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.