

Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Torres at 7:03pm.

- I. Community Comments
 - A. Blossom Zanger, a Spanish Oak Trail homeowner, expressed concern to the BOD about a POD which had been in place for months in her neighborhood, and which led her more generally to be concerned about neighborhood appearance and the lack of deed restrictions to support appearance. She has already contacted other neighbors and was advised to continue these contacts as well as obtain deed restrictions for her area, and that it is the role of neighbors in the affected area to enforce deed restrictions. HPWBANA's role is to advise and support residents. She was also referred to Kit Campbell of the Code Enforcement Office of the COA Solid Waste Department to report the 'eyesore' which may result in the COA sending a registered letter to the owner of the property with a POD in his front yard.
 - B. Cynthia Merritt, a Placid Place resident expressed concerns about heavy, dangerous traffic on Placid Place. She was advised to use Tonianne as a resource to begin the process of justifying traffic calming devices, and to consult Officer Grayson.
 - C. Steven Zoroaster expressed concern about increasing door to door magazine subscription selling and other solicitation. He felt at least one recent occurrence required calling 9-1-1. Board members suggested the use of 'no soliciting' signs on his property, and will republish the solicitation article in the newsletter.
- II. Beautification Committee Report – Nadene Morning
 - A. Reviewed the proposed 2011 budget – total \$2000 (copy attached). Recommends Perry Park expenditure, and contribution to the Mount Bonnell project which is need of approximately \$220 to complete their \$1800 collection for matching money grant.
- III. Mt. Bonnell donation
 - A. Discussion about contributing \$150 to the Mt. Bonnell Project, with WANG expected to contribute the remaining \$70.
- IV. Secretary-Treasurer positions
 - A. Andrea announced that Trey has agreed to serve as treasurer for 2011, leaving the secretary's position open. She asked board members to consider volunteering to fill the secretary's position.
- V. Update Contact and Committee info

- A. Sign-in sheet redistributed so BOD members could add contact info
- B. Committee info sheet reviewed and a few names added: Carolyn for the egg hunt and Andrea & Trey for membership. The Beautification Committee name was corrected to Beautification and Parks. (a copy is attached)

VI. Upcoming Events

- A. Homes Tour – has 5 committed homes and 2-3 others under consideration. Trey announced that in order to have the desired homes participate, the event will occur in the fall.
- B. Egg Hunt – Scott will contact Carolyn and will write an article for the newsletter.

VII. Oak Wilt

- A. David will provide newsletter coverage and requested up to \$300 to order signs. Board will vote on this at a future time.

VIII. Website discussion – funds available to redo the website because of dues increase. Noted that the site is out of date. Nadene is willing to redesign the site if current software is purchased. She would like to work with a committee to advise on content.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Attendees at the January 17, 2011 HPWBANA BOD meeting:

BOD members:

Andrea Torres
Donna Edgar
Trey McWhorter
Caroline Valentine
David Obermann
Becca Cody
Kirby Walker
Susan Fannin
David Obermann
Scott Rogillio

Community Concerns Speakers:

Blossom Zanger
Steven Zoroaster
Cynthia Merritt

HPWBANA Beautification and Parks Committee:

Nadene Morning

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Proposed 2011 Budget

Core Median Expenses:

Ridge Oak Median (compost, mulch, plants)	170
Ridge Oak Median Water Bill (~15/month)	180
Balcones//Parkcrest Median (mulch)	50
Perry Lane/Highland Median (mulch delivery fee)	50
Hancock/Ws Frances (mulch and plants)	50
Core Median Expenses Total	500

Projects for 2011:

Bench for Dino Pit	300
Project carried over from 2010. The Dino Pit is an approved project that should be completed this spring. The scout has proposed a bench for the project. PARD will require a metal bench to match the style of other benches in the park.	
Perry Lane Traffic Circle	500
Notes: Project carried over from 2010. Is this project still happening?	
Core Projects for 2011 Total	800

Special Project if funding is available:

Perry Park	700
Notes: ½ or 1 day of E-Corps for trail repair, invasive plant work, misc work. ½ day is about \$700, 1 day would be about \$1300.	

TOTAL proposal: 2000

Projects to consider/discuss:

Mt Bonnell: 2010 donation pledge, what figure (\$100-250), this is special safety related donation
Mayfield Park Trowel and Error: 0\$ as we contribute articles to promote this WANG park
Ridge Oak median funded mostly by neighbors: irrigation, landscaping, sticker burr problem
Balcones/Parkcrest: manual in ground irrigation – if funds become available

Special Project for 2012:

Perry Park Tree planting along Balcones Dr, \$150 per tree for irrigation/tank. We would include discussion with neighbors in that area for placement.

Submitted by Nadene Morning, HPWBANA Beautification and Parks Committee