

Minutes from the Meeting  
of the  
Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association  
Monday, June 25th, 2007  
Yarborough Library  
Austin, Texas

The regular meeting of the HPWBANA was called to order at 7:00 pm

Board members attending included: Nadene Morning, Carolyn Robinson, Krista Saeger, Blake Stanford, Chereen Fisher, Sam Haddad, Lurleen Ladd and Tonianne Soster, Andrea Torres.

Community Guests signing in included: Frances Allen, George and Margaret Liebes, Dudley and Julie McClellan, Caroline Valentine, Elizabeth Newton, Cynthia Merritt, Jim Roberson, Lawrence Lymin, Erle Weekley, Travis Phillips.

Board and community member introductions were made.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes for the April 23, 2007 meeting.

**Community Comments:**

**Update on 5314 Western Hills Property** – A discussion was held about the remodeling plans on this property. A neighbor raised concerns about the permit and plans submitted to the City of Austin for this project. The homeowner and his builders attended to answer questions concerning these issues. The Board requested that the parties move to an adjacent room to continue the discussion.

**Perry Lane Flooding Committee** – There was no report on this agenda item as there has been no update or action by the committee.

**Update on Camp Mabry/Fairview fence** – Neighbors raised concerns to the Association regarding the appearance of the fence line/gate. This fence has been replaced with a cedar fence. Camp Mabry is not allowing anything else to be done at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer submitted the financial report. The current net worth as of 06/12/2007 was \$5,996.15. Chez Zee has joined as a business sponsor. A business sponsorship article will be prepared for the August 2007 edition of the Association newsletter. It was noted that \$ 1800 was unspent from annual budget and actual expenses. The Treasurer requested Board members to submit receipts for out of pocket expenses.

**Nominations:** The President requested Board members to state position on possible service for next year. Lurleen Ladd stated that this will be her last year of service on the Board. Blake Stanford is moving out of the boundaries of the HPWBANA and will not serve in the next year. Sam Haddad is undecided.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Planning and Zoning:** Tonianne Soster was been nominated by City Council Member Brewster McCracken and approved to serve on the City's Special Task Force on city occupancy issues. Representatives from COA legal staff, code enforcement and APD are also on the Task Force. Issues to be addressed include student housing occupancy problems, noise, parking, and trash.

**Beautification and Parks:** The President made a presentation on the APF grant for bench shades on the tennis courts at Perry Park. A Board vote will be scheduled next week by email to decide whether to commit Association funds to match the grant by APF for a sum of \$ 700. The Tennis Fund held at Highland Park Elementary has agreed to contribute \$ 300 to this project.

Discussion was held regarding the request by neighbors for bucket swings for toddlers at Perry Park. A request has been submitted to PARD. A contractor bid has estimated this would cost \$ 1800 if we want to fund it.

Discussion was held regarding the building of a Discovery Sandbox at Perry Park. The Association is investigating the possibility of making this an Eagle Scout project.

Discussion was held regarding the installation of water lines to the median landscaped on corner of Perry Lane and Highland Terrace.

**Traffic and Transportation:** Perry Lane/Placid Lane/Mopac area is being used as a cut-through to Mopac. It was noted that drivers are exceeding the speed limit while taking the onramp to Mopac north. It was noted that the COA Urban Transportation Committee has been contacted for the issue.

**Events:** The Annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration t will be held on July 4th at 9:15 am at Perry Park. Volunteer assignments were made for food and refreshments and an agenda of activities was distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.