

HPWBANA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27TH, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on August 27, 2007. Present at the meeting: Nadene Morning, Carolyn Robinson, Lurleen Ladd, Blake Stanford, Krista Saeger, Chereen Fisher, Tonniane Soster, Sam Haddad and Andrea Torres.

Minutes from July meeting were approved.

Nadene opened the floor to community comments. The stealth dorm issue was discussed. Tonniane gave an update on her activities on the city of Austin planning committee that is addressing the issue. Several neighbors were present to report a high residency property located at 4902 Valley Oak. They cited parking and trash issues with this address and voiced overall concerns on the detrimental effect high residency properties have on our neighborhood.

Tonniane advised that the issue is being addressed and that there are many factors and vested parties on both sides of the argument. Right now the city estimates that there are over 100 properties, citywide, that are identified as stealth dorms. The city has contacted 4 primary investors that own a high number of the properties. Tonniane advised the concerned neighbors to speak with the owner of the property, (one of the owners lives in the home in question) and to contact Betty Dunkerly and Brewster McCracken about restrictions on these types of properties.

Regarding the Spanish Oak property, Krista stated that the owners had received a demo permit. Concerns had been noted about the property being in a potentially unsafe state of disrepair. According to the permit, the demo should take place soon.

Regarding the Western Hills property, similar issue was recently decided by the city and will likely have bearing on future developments with this property. Chereen to continue following the events

Discussion followed about a request for a speed bump on Valley Oak. It was noted that the city has placed a moratorium on speed bumps due to concerns from EMS/Fire Departments. Other traffic slowing measures and monitoring were discussed.

Update from Perry Flooding Committee. No new problems reported even with recent heavy rains.

Treasurer's Report. Krista responded to questions about the nonprofit status of the board and if contributions to the same were tax deductible. She advised that we don't meet the criteria for this type of status. Contributions are not tax deductible.

As a point of record, Krista advised that the board must file the 501(c) (4) return.

Current balance sheet reviewed and future expenditures on events briefly noted. Tennis court cover project update given. Currently we need an additional \$200 to meet the \$1,000 minimum for the grant. Contributions are still being accepted.

Committee Reports:

Nomination:

Nadene stated that she will be stepping down from the board. Carolyn advised that the 2008 Board has not been filled yet. We are still in need of potential board members. Eric Hansen and Ben Freedman were present at the meeting and are interested in becoming members. Carolyn will follow up with both of them, If anyone knows other interested parties, they should contact Carolyn.

Crime and Safety

Frances Allen was present to discuss the Neighborhood Watch program. Using the sector map as a guide, she is looking for Block Captains to take charge of crime prevention activities in each area. Discussion of Block Captain duties followed. There will be an article in the newsletter about the program and a call for Block Captains. Frances will continue to develop the program.

Events

Carolyn updated the Board on the annual meeting which will be held on 10/14 in Perry Park from 4:00pm-6:00pm It will include a dinosaur pit dig, picnic and the unveiling of the refurbished sandbox. An announcement for the event will be placed in the PTA Scottie Weekly Reader. Board members will be working on the dinosaur pit/sandbox project..

Planning and Zoning

Please see community concerns listed above.

Traffic and Transportation

Krista gave an update on the sidewalk issue—more continuous sidewalks for the Hancock/Bull Creek area.

Andrea gave an update on the Mopac/45th traffic issue. Currently waiting on an Urban Transportation Commission update.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Submitted by Blake Stanford and Lurleen Ladd

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