

## Meeting Minutes

PHNA Board

May 14, 2019

6:35 PM

At the home of Frank Walsh

In attendance: Trevor Armstrong, Jane Hayman, Ron Unger, Charles Heimsath, Frank Walsh, John Volz

Minutes from 4/16 meeting distributed and approved as amended.

### Officer Reports:

#### Presidents Report:

Trevor provided a letter of recognition for retiring board member Barbara Hunt which was signed by the Board members present. He reiterated his commitment to chair the Picnic committee with the help of other Board members.

#### President Elect Report:

Jane reported that she has talked to several people about joining the board but has not yet succeeded in obtaining a commitment from those with whom she spoke. In an effort to encourage others to become involved, she said that she would write an article for "Life in the Heights" that identifies issues that may be of interest to homeowners. These issues include traffic calming and sidewalks, security patrols and crime prevention, land development code rewrite and historic preservation. She said she will continue to contact neighbors with the hope that some will agree to serve on the board.

#### Secretary Report:

Charles said that there was no secretary report.

#### Treasurer Report:

Ron reported that the April 30 operating Fund Balance was 5,024.24, down \$115 from March due to expenses of \$235.00 and membership dues received of \$120.00. Ron then reported that he was successful in transferring our online dues payment "button" on the website from PayPal to Stripe. The PayPal account was dropped and Stripe was added. He then discussed our website "hosting" account which now resides with GoDaddy. The GoDaddy web hosting account cost is \$200 per year and it expires in October. He has done some research, and suggests we transfer our account to Green Geeks which is \$2.99 per month.

#### Treasurer Elect Report:

John Volz reported that he has talked to several residents who have expressed interest in the neighborhood survey. Charles said that he has talked with Dr. Marie Crain and she says that the "draft" survey should be revised before it is sent out to avoid bias and the possibility of raising

expectations without a plan for follow through. Charles, John and Frank volunteered to meet with Dr. Crain to discuss the survey approach and content.

### Committee Reports:

#### Communications Committee:

The May email blast was sent to all PHNA members highlighting the Hartford Park grand opening, the land development code policy document adopted by the City Council and the neighborhood garage sale. Frank Walsh reported that all the people he talked with at the Hartford Park grand opening said that they had learned about the event from the email blast.

#### Bylaws, Policy & Procedures Committee:

Charles reported that he and Jane met and have drafted some recommended changes to the bylaws. The suggested changes will be sent to the board before the next meeting in June.

#### Environment Committee:

Frank Walsh reported that there were at least 100 people at the Hartford Park grand opening event. Dale Van Sickle has asked that the street name tiles be repaired. Frank said he would get a price from a contractor to do the repairs. The collapse of the Shoal Creek riverbank was discussed. The proposed stabilization will be expensive, and it is not clear who will pay for the work. The City has indicated \$8-16 million will be required to stabilize the western edge of the creekbank. It is unclear how this stabilization will be paid for.

#### Traffic and Safety Committee: No report

#### Government Affairs Committee:

John reported that the City Council has provided answers to the manager's request for policy guidance regarding the code rewrite. This information is posted on the City website.

#### Social Committee:

Trevor says that he is beginning to review the costs and revenues from last year's picnic and will prepare a budget for discussion at the next board meeting. Jane said she would contact Jean Mueller to confirm October 27<sup>th</sup> as the picnic date.

#### Old Business:

John says there has been no further efforts to initiate a neighborhood garden club

#### New Business:

Trevor nominated John and Charles to represent the PHNA to the Central West Austin Neighborhood Plan Contact Team. Trevor will contact Mike Cannatli to inform him of the appointment.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.